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Sure, There's a Santa

The following editorial is the reply published recently in the New York Sun when a little girl had stepped into the office and asked the time-worn question, "Is there a real Santa?"

"Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skeptialism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which they be men's or children's, are little. minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little In this great universe of ours, man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole truth and knowledge. Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there was no Santa Claus. It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no child-like faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished. Not believe in Santa Claus? You might as well not believe in fairies. You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if you did not see Santa Claus coming down what would that prove. Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither men nor children can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not here. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world. You may tear apart a baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest of all the strongest men that ever lived could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance can push aside that curtain and view the picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real abiding. No Santa Claus! Thank God he lives and he lives forever! A thousand years from now, Virginia—nay ten times ten thousand years from now—he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood!"

The Standard is in receipt of a card announcing the opening of a law office in the Railway Exchange Building, St. Louis, by J. Holman East. Jewel East, as he was known here, is a high type young man and friends in Sikeston wish him success.

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Pieces of oak dating back to 1092, and taken out of Lincoln Cathedral during rebuilding, have been sold to swell the restoration fund.

The Chamber of Commerce, who is fathering the Commission Form of Government for Sikeston, expect to give publicity soon for the reasons why Sikeston should vote for the change. Where the mony will come from to pay the salaries of the Commissioners will have to be shown, as well as what material benefits will be gained by the change. The Standard would be glad to have the subject discussed by both sides of the question for the benefit of the voters Of course, under the Commission Form all lesser officers will be appointive, which to our way of thinking would be preferable, as an inefficient officer could be relieved at once. At the same time the Board of Aldermen could impeach any officer who failed in his duties or repeal the ordinance creating the offices More men with guts is what most Board of Aldermen need and fewer 'yes men". It seems from hearsay that the gap in the financial field has been wide open, else the shortage of city money could not have occurred Something needs to be done to safeguard the interests of the city and the public.

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We have always been fool enough to advocate a vigilance committee or a whipping post for certain offenses. and there is now an urgent need of such if reports coming to the editor is true, and we believe they are. It is told that two or three men in the same section of the ciy, are neglecting their families to run with other women who are on the market. White mule is at the bottom of two of the instances. One of these men who spends his earnings, when he works, spends his money on vile mule and vile women, while part of his family goes without underclothes, except old overalls cut down. This may get us in trouble with one or more of these miserable men, but we know them when we see them and will keep our eyes open. It is a sad thing to think of when men with nice families will let either of the above evils get the best of them. Now is a mighty good time to make a resolve to do better then fight the devil to a finish and come back to be a man.

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President Coolidge thinks Arkansas, Mississippi and Louisiana farmers should share with the Government the cost of new levees for flood protection. Those farmers are all Democrats of the most hopeless type. In regard to harbor improvements and military defenses for New England ports, where the folks are all Republicans after the President's own heart, he believes the Government should pay the entire bill. The floods with which Mississippi, Arkansas and Louisiana are devastated are from the Republican states of Missouri, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, Minnesota and Wisconsin, waters that should be diverted into other channels than the Missouri and Mississippi Rivers. The Government, which demands jurisdiction over all navigable streams, is under just as much obligation to protect Southern states from hostile Northern waters, we believe, as it is to protect New England ports from hostile European ships.

Christmas

[1927]

THIS should be the most successful Christmas in our history if we try to make it so. Let us crowd hate and its kindred, suspicion and gloom, out of our hearts. Let us focus our eyes on that guiding star which led the Wise Men to a poor abode, and in the warmth of its glow rekindle in ourselves the genial flame of charity.

Let us, for the day at least, forget the things that worry us. In their places let us substitute thoughts of the many things for which we may be thankful. Let us forgive our enemies and lean more heavily upon the staff of friendship. Thus each of us will become a center of happiness and able to spread that cheer which is at the heart of Christmas observance.

No season of the year so delightfully excites one's imagination or calls more sympathetically to one's tenderest emotions. We do not need to be reminded that the festive occasion commemorates the announcement of the religion of peace and love, for the feeling is all around us. It expresses itself in tranquillity for the old and in joyous promptings for the young.

Happiness is in the air.

The penetration of the Christmas spirit encourages us in the faith that the world is growing better, for it cannot be otherwise than that the recurrent planting of such seeds year by year tends more and more toward the fruition of universal love and brotherhood.

Our greeting to you is for a merry Christmas and the wish that all of us may carry much of the spirit and blessings of the day into every other day of the year. Thus shall we draw nearer to the fulfillment of the ideal typified by Christmas.

THE PUBLISHERS

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This will be the last issue of The Standard before Santa Claus makes his rounds. We hope there will be none overlooked as it would be a sad Christmas morning to the little fellows. At our own age, we are expecting Santa Claus and can hardly wait for the happy morning. Our grown children are expecting Santa Clause and he is already on his way to Atlanta, Ga., Ballston, Va., and to Washington, D. C. The grandchildren, of course, are going to be visited by this wonderful being and we would be just as happy as they if we could be present and see the happiness in their faces when they find that Old Santa has visited them in the quiet of the night.

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Gene Tunney, champion pugilist of the world, is now the idol of the average American boy. This makes doubly valuable the following statements Tunney made to a big gathering of boys last Thursday: "The will to win when associated with natural qualifications cannot be defeated", said Gene. "Some boys will meet with misfortune and quit; others will continue to fight. The game man never says 'quit'—he fights back even when he is down and he is going to last. A sportsman obeys the rules. He doesn't shoot out of season; he doesn't hit when any one is down. Sportsmanship is that quality of spirit which makes you manly and keeps you within the rules of the game. In fighting this battle of life, do it gamely, fairly and honorably. And the quality that I would place next to sportsmanship is loyalty—to principles, to God, to friends and to your country. It is only bullies who swear and they are always cowards. Smoking is a foolish habit. I have never smoked".

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The editor regrets exceedingly that he will be unable to be one of the Missouri editors who will go on a special of the Missouri Pacific to Mexico City and other points of interest in Mexico. The slight cost of $250 is a minor matter—we cannot leave our business for the three weeks time it requires for the trip!

THE CHRISTMAS STOCKING

Minnie Sayers Smith

Hanging there so limp and still,
Waiting there, at Santa's will
Hoping soon to realize
Some exceeding glad surprise.

How the stocking represents
Life to us and its contents,
Christ the Lord is LIVING THERE,
All the world is brighter far.

So our lives are limp and bare,
IF no light has entered there,
Filled with essence pure and sweet,
Kneeling at the Mercy seat.

Dear Santa Claus: Our wants at this time of life are few. If you will just place in our heart the courage to do right by our fellowmen the coming year, it will matter little if you place a blank in our sock. Sometimes, Santa Claus, we regret that we have such a sour disposition that we displease more than we please. It is this thing that we wish you could take from us and leave instead honeyed words that mean nothing, neither displease.

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We haven't been asked to prescribe just what would prevent quarrels, misunderstandings, etc., that often lead to divorce courts, but in certain instances twins would keep young people so busy they would have no leisure time to run around with other folks that leads to gossip and trouble. If you don't believe it, try it!

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If Santa Claus don't mind, we would like to make a suggestion on behalf of every married man in the community. See if you can't find and deliver to every married woman a foot warmer of some sort to be used at least thirty minutes before retiring. Wholesale rates might be gotten for all bridge ladies who are out late.

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A poor old printer was killed and robbed in St. Louis for $12, his fortune. Two young negro bucks have been sentenced for life for the job, while we hope the printer is resting in peace for the first time.

We are not expecting Santa Claus from those who feel grieved over something that has been printed in The Standaard the year about to close, at the same time we can truthfully say that we bear malice toward no living being. Sometimes we may see through strange glasses, but we cannot all see alike. We plead guilty, too, to being somewhat prejudiced along certain lines as might have been noted. We might also add that we have never had much use for a liar, or a hypocrite, and have so expressed ourselves before. With these few confessions on our part, we hope that none will be so personal as to withhold Santa Claus from coming to our house.

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We are claiming to have no edge over other men in the way of worldly things, but we are claiming to be a little more careful than some of them. It would be a crushing thing, we think, for grown children to find out that their father and mother were no just as clean as they believed and hoped they were. We are claiming nothing, you understand, but the fear being caught by your own boys and girls, should be enough to make a man have a care. We were talking to a professional man recently and he stated that his married daughter told her husband if he would be just as good to her as her father was to her mother, and just as clean, she would be supremely happy. This man was just like the editor, bound to try to live right for the confidence the children have in us.

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We would like to swap off our meat axe for a stuffed club so that when we hit a fellow through the paper he would not feel it. Any pussy-footer who is looking for a trade, can find one by phoning 137.

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To commemorate Sir Francis Dranke's association with the River Medway a model of his famous ship, the Golden Hind, has been hung in the Dockyard Church at Chatham. This ship was the first English vessel to sail around the world.

Another reason why churches are not what they once were, so far as religion is concerned, is that they have laid aside the Bible and have gone into politics. Here in Sikeston we are told, more than $300 was made up in one of the churches for the Anti-Saloon League, a Republican political adjunct, and pledges passed around in another church asking the signers to pledge themselves to vote for none other than dry candidates This is all political bunc, pure and simple and has given the devil time to seduce, fish and hunt on Sunday. gamble for money, bootleg and make moonshine. If the Sikeston church books were purged of the moral law breakers and the legal law breakers, those that might be left could have some influence over we non-church members who are believers in the Supreme Being, but don't care to mix with the goats as is. The money spent on the Anti-Saloon League goes to pay fat salaries to political preachers who we believe are after the money instead of the cause. If the money made up here for the League was used to get behind officers and help make convictions, and get behind judges and juries and demand heavy penalties on conviction, they would get results that they could see.

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The Federal Courts recently decided that the railroads of the country had placed too high a value on their property that they had a guarantee of a certain per cent on their investmen, so cut the valuation $400,000,000. The Courts valued the roads at the cost of construction at the time they were built while the railroads had set their value on what it would cost today to reconstruct their systems. This leads up to another question: Just what is the actual value of our local light, power and ice plant? They are permitted by the Public Service Commission of the State to regulate their charges in order to guarantee them a certain per cent on their investment. Let's figure just a bit. We are told the Sikeston section of this system is placed at $200,000. We don't know whether it is so or not, but we do know that the new electric machine insalled here recently to carry Sikeston in an emergency, cost a trifle less than $15,000 and it will carry the entire Sikeston load except the shoe factory. Now, two units like this could run Sikeston that would cost $30,000, then add $15,000 for a reserve unit would be $45,000. Double all this to erect posts, put up wires and ice plant and you would have $90,000. What is the matter with Sikeston having her own plant and getting the profit?

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Arthur Arnold, who was captured near Doniphan a week ago, after a gun fight with officers, will recover from gunshot wounds received during the battle, officers at Van Buren, Carter County, say. An examination revealed that Arnold is carrying 107 shot in his back and legs, which he received while running from the officers. He is facing charges of highway robbery.

A Story of Depravity

The kidnaping and murder of the little Los Angeles school girl has few parallels in the annals of crime. The wretch responsible for the tragdy received the money he demanded. And yet he not only killed the child, but mutilated her horribly. To what tortures and indignities she was submitted while a captive probably will never be known. No more repulsive story of a man's depravity was ever brought to light.

We know what the sentiment of the public is today. Nowhere within the confines of civilization is there a decent-minded person who would express sympathy for the brutal murderer. The blood of the innocent little girl is crying from the ground.

But if the degenerate who committed the crime were apprehended, given a fair and impartial trial and sentenced to death, how long before the voice of the child's blood would be drowned by the hubbub of mawkish sentimentality on the part of those who forget the crime and is victims when the day of doom for the criminal approaches? If the wretch who killed Marian Parker of Los Angeles were confined in a prison house death cell six months later, with the day of execution near at hand, some of the squeamish papers and some of the people influenced by them would be prating about the savagery of a state putting a human being to death. They would have forgotten all about the poor little school girl who fell into his clutches and was killed and cut to pieces by him.

Ruth Snyder and a slapjack corset salesman conspired to kill the woman's husband, in order that they might continue their illicit relations. They did kill him, killed him while he slept, without giving him a dog's chance. Now that Ruth Snyder and Judd Gray are facing the electric chair, the anti-capital punishment crew are ridiculing the law in every possible way and trying to stir up sympathy for the condemned, having forgotten all about the victim.

No doubt the same efforts will be forthcoming in behalf of the Los Angeles murder, if later he finds himself in the death cell with the hour of hs execution drawing night.

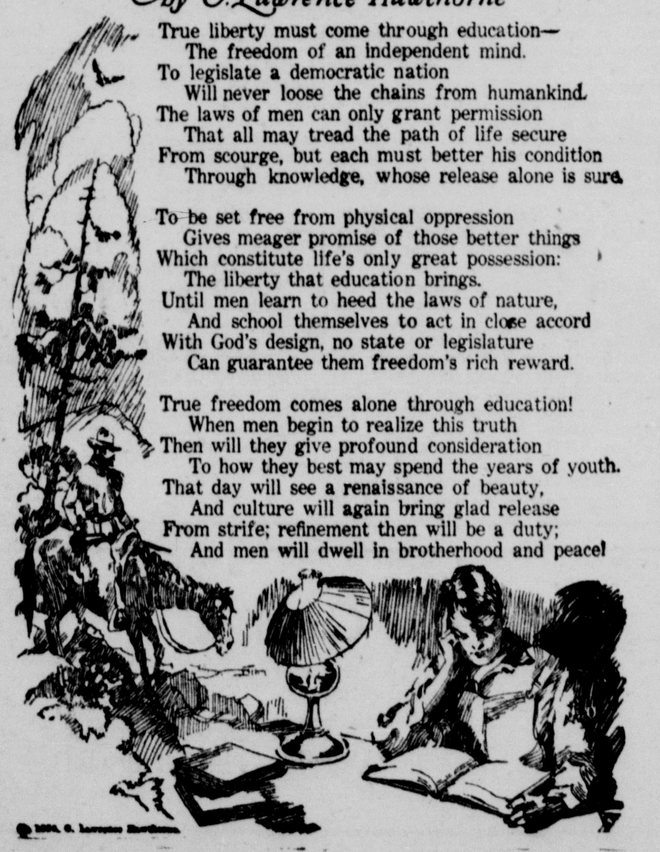
If these sentimentalists really prefer the lives of red-handed murderers over the lives of their innocent victims, they ought to be frank enough to begin now their agitation for the life of the fiend who murdered and mutilated the little California school girl. Then, in event of his apprehension and conviction, they could not be accused of being afraid to voice their opinions before the body of the child had returned to dust.

Now is the accepted time. Let them speak, or hereafter hold their peace.—Commercial Appeal.

The make-up of the front page of The Standard this issue is a Standard page, as we are carrying our own greeting to the readers. The balance of the matter on the page are our own thoughts and the thoughts of those that we agree with.

When Men are Free

by O. Lawrence Hawthorne



True liberty must come through education—
The freedom of an independent mind.
To legislate a democratic nation
Will never loose the chains from humankind.
The laws of men can only grant permission
That all may tread the path of life secure
From scourge, but each must better his condition
Through knowledge, whose release alone is sure.

To be set free from physical oppression
Gives meager promise of those better things
Which constitute life's only great possession:
The liberty that education brings.
Until men learn to heed the laws of nature,
And school themselves to act in close accord
With God's design, no state or legislature
Can guarantee them freedom's rich reward.

True freedom comes alone through education!
When men begin to realize this truth
Then will they give profound consideration
To how they best may spend the years of youth.
That day will see a renaissance of beauty,
And culture will again bring glad release
From strife; refinement then will be a duty;
And men will dwell in brotherhood and peace!

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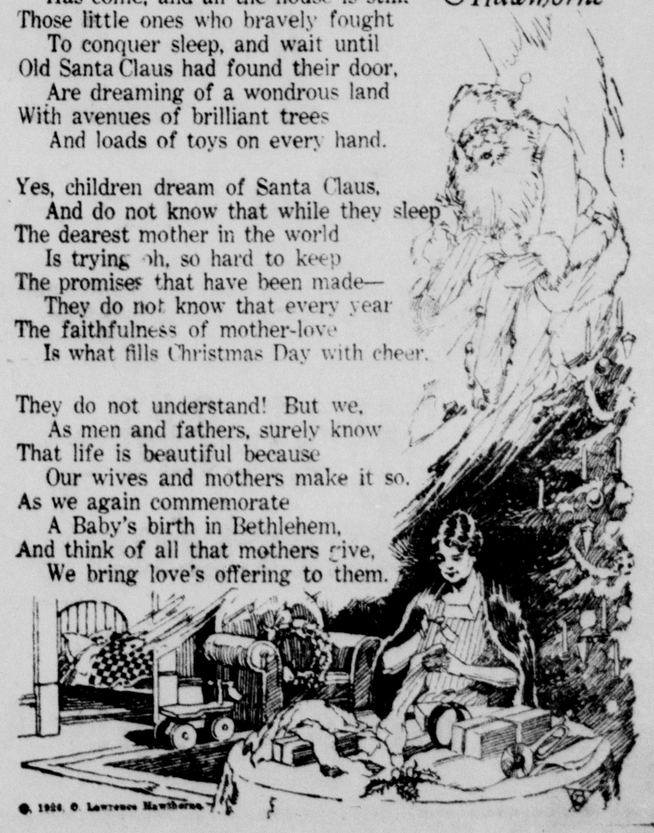
Children Do Not Know

by O. Lawrence Hawthorne

The midnight hour of Christmas Eve
Has come, and all the house is still.
Those little ones who bravely fought
To conquer sleep, and wait until
Old Santa Claus had found their door,
Are dreaming of a wondrous land
With avenues of brilliant trees
And loads of toys on every hand.

Yes, children dream of Santa Claus,
And do not know that while they sleep
The dearest mother in the world
Is trying oh, so hard to keep
The promises that have been made—
They do not know that every year
The faithfulness of mother-love
Is what fills Christmas Day with cheer.

They do not understand! But we,
As men and fathers, surely know
That life is beautiful because
Our wives and mothers make it so.
As we again commemorate
A Baby's birth in Bethlehem,
And think of all that mothers give,
We bring love's offering to them.



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NEW MADRID COUNTY FARM BUREAU NEWS

Binford Henry, a farmer in the flooded area of New Madrid county makes $3500 from a 79-acre sunflower crop planted after all other crops had failed. This is an outstanding example of turning defeat into victory, and a case that shows the typical fighting spirit of the American farmer.

Mr. Henry, who lives in the eastern part of the county on the Mississippi River had flood waters covering his land twice last spring. He was not able to begin work until late June the 70 acres were planted to corn twice and each time the stand was toally desroyed by cut-worms. On July 15, Mr. Henry planted this field to sunflowers, last month he harvested the crop and he has now disposed of them to the local dealer.

He received $3500 for the sunflower seed raised on the 70 acres, this is a handsome return, but farmers must not overlook the fact, says County Agent Scott M. Julian, that it is due to the decreased acreage that the good prices of this fall were obtained. A greatly increased acreage throughout Southeast Missouri may result in 2c sunflowers as the U. S. market can only use 12-15 million pounds and even a small over-production will break the market.

The use of a 90-day corn by farmers in the flooded area has been of very material aid in helping the county produce one of its best corn crops. Not only has more acreage been put in than could have been secured by the use of longer maturing varieties but the 90-day corn is grading out exceptionally well, and contains but little moisture.

An example of this was told to the County Agent by J. Val Baker, Prosecuting Attorney. Mr. Baker's tenant planted a 90-day variety, "Pride of the North" on the 14th of July. The field is yielding 40 bushels per acre, and so great is the demand that all of it will be sold for seed corn, Mr. Baker stated.

Other instances of similar nature were told by Judge G. L. Tinsley. Judge Tinsley in an effort to assist the farmers making corn crops ordered several thousand bushels of 90-day varieties from reputable dealers. It was very fortunate for the county that this was done as shortly afterwards it was impossible to secure high grade 90-day seed corn. Judge Tinsley stated that from the number of favorable comments that he had received, that there was no question but what the use of 90-day varieties had made the farmers of the county thousands of dollars.

A good quality of skim milk should have a yield of 15 to 18 pounds of cottage cheese per 100 pounds of skim milk.

Learning the Bible by heart is the self-imposed task of the 40,000 members of the Berean Band of Bible Learners. The movement is 21 years old this year and was originated in Acton, London.

A light ray with a beam of 1,380,000,000 candlepower, which is visible for a distance of 250 miles, has been installed at Charlottesville, Va., to guide pilots of air mails. If the light were shining towards a man at a distance of 50 miles he could read a newspaper by it.

BOND COMPROMISE FOR STATE ROADS

Jefferson City, December 19.—Compromise of the difference between the $120,000,000 additional State road bond issue advocated by the Automobile Club of Missouri and the opposing one of $60,000,000 recommended by the State Highway Commission to avoid almost certain defeat of both if they are submitted jointly in the next election, was urged here today by State Senator A. T. McCawley of Carthage, chairman of the Senate Roads and Highways Committee of the 1927 Legislature.

Members of the Highway Commission plan to meet in St. Louis Wednesday to discuss details of the $60,000,000 proposal, which was announced last Wednesday. It is understood the Automobile Club is to have similar conference about that time on the $120,000,000 plan and it has been suggested they get together and seek a compromise. Many objections have been raised against the commission's proposal on the ground such an amount would not provide fully for completion of the present 7640-mile system and necessary mileage in connection, widen highways in the metropolitan areas and permit development of farm-to-market feeder roads in each county. Each of these four important points is provided for in the $120,000,000 proposal.

There have been suggestions that the Automobile Club proceed to place the $120,000,000 proposal on the ballot, irrespective of the Commissioners' recommendation, because of the strong support of the proposal that has developed over the State. Others have suggested the two plans be withdrawn and a compromise one of $80,000,000 to $90,000,000 be submitted to prevent splitting the bond issue support in the State.

"A division between advocates of the State highway system endangers completion of the system", Senator McCawley said. "I think no program could be adopted that does not have the joint support of the Highway Commission, the Automobile Club of Missouri and those who are justly demanding a system of farm-to-market roads. It is to be hoped there forces speedily will reach a basis of agreement. Two propositions on the ballot will almost certainly result in defeat of both".

McCawley, as chairman of the Senate Roads and Highways Committee, last winer introduced in the Legislature a proposed amendment to the Constitution, authorizing a $120,000,000 bond issue. It was backed by the Automobile Club and others and was very similar to the proposal the Automobile Club now plans to submit through the initiative.

The measure introduced by McCawley was passed by the Senate and was approved by the House Roads and Highways Committee, but was delayed in the House and did not reach a vote in the eleventh-hour preceding adjournment.

"From information coming to me, there is an overwhelming sentiment for completion of the system as now projected", McCawley said, "and construction of a system of farm-to-market roads in each county. The people, while acknowledging the valuable services of the Automobile Club and having unlimited faith in in its recommendations, at the same time want to support such proposals as the State Highway Commission shall unanimously recommend. Which, of course, means that the present serious situation by all means ought to be solved on a basis of mutual concessions.

"The adoption of an amendment to the Constitution like the enactment of a law by the Geheral Assembly necesarrily requires that we approach the task with a spirit of give and take. By all means let us find a basis of agreement".

Making a clock that has no steel parts and needs no oiling is now possible through a new alloy perfected by an English inventor.

A bruise on his heel a month ago has resulted in the amputation of W. L. Holcomb's right leg. Holcomb resides at Dexter. He was taken to a hospital at Poplar Bluff in a critical condition from blood poisoning which developed from the wound. His recovery is considered doubtful.

Music and Brief Cases

THE GIFT SHOP
Derris—The Druggist

PROCLAMATION OF MAYOR OF CITY OF SIKESTON SUBMITTING THE QUESTION OF ORGANIZING THE CITY OF SIKESTON INTO ALTERNATIVE OR COMMISSION FORM OF GOVERNMENT.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, a petition of the qualified electors of the City of Sikeston equal in number to twenty-five per cent of the votes cast for all candidates for Mayor at the last preceeding city election of said city has been submitted to the Mayor of said City of Sikeston for organizing the said City of Sikeston into Alternative or Commission form of government as provided in Article V., Chapter 72, of the Laws of Missouri, 1919, and amendments thereto, and,

WHEREAS, it is the duty of said Mayor under the law, upon the filing of said petition, to submit to the qualified voters of said City the question of organizing as a city under said Article V., Chapter 72 of the Laws of Missouri, 1919, and amendments thereto,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, N. E. Fuchs, Mayor of the City of Sikeston, Missouri, as required by law and by authority of the aforesaid petition, do hereby call a special election to be held in the four separate wards of said City of Sikeston on

TUESDAY, THE 10TH DAY OF JANUARY, 1928

for the purpose of submitting to the qualified voters of said city the proposition of organizing said city under the Alternative or Commission Form of Government as provided in said Article V. Chapter 72, and amendments thereto, of the laws of Missouri, 1919.

The voting place in each of the four wards of said City of Sikeston, Missouri, on said date will be at the following places:—

Ward One at the City Hall.
Ward Two at Boyers Garage.
Ward Three at the Ford Garage.
Ward Four at the office of E. C. Robinson Lumber Co.

The polls will be open for receiving votes at said special election on the date hereinbefore mentioned in all the voting places prescribed herein from six o'clock in the forenoon until seven o'clock in the afternoon.

Done at my office in Sikeston, Missouri, this 12th day of December, 1927.

(SEAL)

N. E. FUCHS,
Mayor.

Attest: P. H. STEVENSON,
City Clerk

Notice of Special City Election

Pursuant to an ordinance duly passed by the City Council of the City of Sikeston, Scott County, Mo., and approved by the Mayor of said City, notice is hereby given that a special election will be held in the four different wards of said City of Sikeston on Tuesday, the 10th day of January, 1928, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified voters of said City the proposition of approving or disapproving ordinance No. 1070, as passed by said City Council on the 5th day of December, 1927, granting to Moody and Seagraves, a co-partnership, a franchise to erect the necessary equipment and furnish gas to the City of Sikeston and the inhabitants thereof, which said Ordinance No. 1070, omitting formal portion thereof, is in words and figures, as follows:

"BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIKESTON, MISSOURI, TO-WIT:

Section 1. That there is hereby granted unto MOODY & SEAGRAVES, a co-partnership composed of W. L. Moody, III, and O. R. Seagraves, with offices in St. Louis, State of Missouri, herein called "Grantee", and to Grantee's successors, heirs and assigns, the rights, permission, privilege and franchise for a period of twenty (20) years from an after taking effect of this Ordinance subject to the laws of the State of Missouri now in force or hereinafter enacted, and to the conditions and limitations herein contained to erect, install, construct, reconstruct, repair, own, operate, maintain, manage and control a gas plant and gas distributing systems consisting of pipes, conduits, and other equipment and fixtures necessary, convenient or proper, for the production, transmission, distribution and delivery within the limits of said Municipality of gas for light, heat and power purposes to the said Municipality and its inhabitants.

Section 2. That said Grantee, its successors, heirs and assigns, are hereby granted the right-of-way in, under, over, along and across the streets, sidewalks, alleys, bridges and other highways and public grounds of said Municipality for the purpose of erecting, installing, constructing, reconstructing and repairing, owning, operating maintaining, managing and controlling said gas plant and said gas distributing system.

Section 3. That said grantee shall hold said Municipality free and harmless of and from any and all liability, damages, actions and causes of action, caused by or through the neglect or mismanagement of the grantee in the erection, installation, construction, reconstruction, repair, operation, maintenance, management and control of said gas plant and distribution system.

Section 4. That said Grantee shall not, during the erection, installation, construction, reconstruction, repairing, operating and maintenance of said plant or distribution system, unnecessarily impede public travel on the streets, sidewalks, alleys, bridges and public grounds of said Municipality, and shall leave all of said streets, sidewalks, alleys, bridges and other highways and public ground upon which it may enter for the purposes herein authorized in as good condition as they were at the date of said entry.

Section 5. That if any section or portion of a section of this Ordinance shall be declared null and void by any competent authority, the remaining portions hereof shall not be affected thereby.

Section 6. Nothing herein contained shall ever be held to confer an exclusive right upon the Grantee herein.

Section 7. That in the event the Grantee herein, or its heirs, successors or assigns, shall not begin construction of a gas plant or a gas distributing system for the purpose of distributng gas purisuant to the terms hereof within ninety (90) days after the completion of a pipe line for the transportation of natural gas from the gas fields of Louisiana to the vicinity of St. Louis, Missouri, which the Grantee contemplates constructing, or causing to be constructed, or if the Grantee, its heirs, successors or assigns hereof shall fail to commence operation hereunder within two (2) years after granting hereof, then this franchise shall be forfeited and shall no longer be binding on either of the parties hereto.

Section 8. That this Ordinance shall take effect from and after its passage and approval and consent thereto by the qualified voters according to law".

The voting places in each of the four wards of said City of Sikeston, Missouri, will be at the following places:—

FIRST WARD: At the City Hall.
SECOND WARD: At Boyer's Garage.
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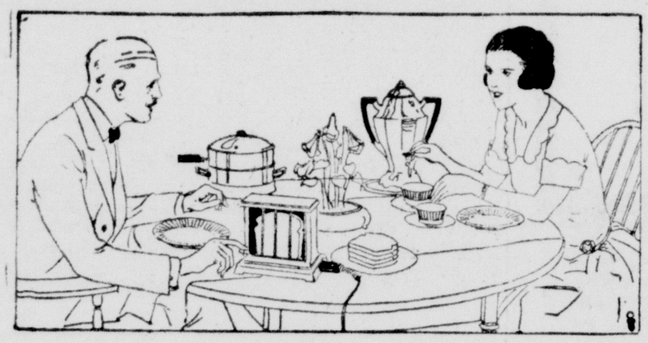

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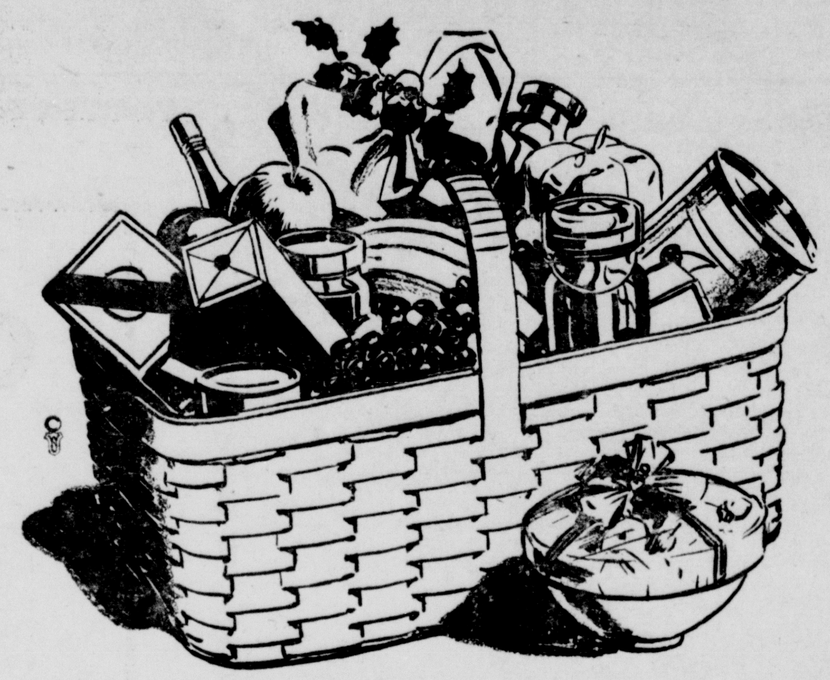

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GIRL'S SLAYER IDENTIFED BY FINGER PRINTS

Los Angeles, December 20.—A man believed to be William Edward Hickman, named by the police as the slayer of Marian Parker, driving what the police think is his second stolen automobile, slipped through a tremendous police dragnet this morning and escaped capture by a minute.

So close was the chase that a short time later a report reached police headquarters of his arrest, but it proved a mistake, and upwards of 7,000 peace officers of Southern California continued the drive.

Just before dawn, a blue Cadillac car with wire wheels pulled into a filling station on West Sixth street. The driver asked for five gallons of gasoline, got it and requested a new bulb for one of his headlights. While the attendant was inside the building getting the light, the big blue car pulled out at top speed.

Jack Woods, the attendant, jumped into his automobile nad gave chase not for a fugitive with $100,000 on his head, but to collect $1.03 for gasoline.

At top speed the two cars thundered down Sxith street to Broadway, the main business artery of the city.

They swung into Broadway going north with the fugitive gaining. Some one telephoned police about the mad chase which was headed almost directly for the headquarters of Herman H. Cline, chief of detectives, in charge of the manhunt. It was Cline who last night announced that the man sought for the killing was Hickman, once employed in the bank where the girl's father was an official.

The detective chief threw a squad of 100 officers into the street at a moment's notice. Before they could reach that intersection, the fugitive, without slowing down, spun east and escaped in the darkness. Later word said Hickman was the fugitive, judging from the photographs at police headquartres.

Meanwhile a heavy guard was thrown around Central police station where a man whose name was not divulged but who is said by Cline to have been an intermediary between the abductor and the Parker family, is being held. This man, an aviation enthusiast, came here recently from Kansas City, former home of Hickman.

Mutterings of violence prompted the development of the station guard.

A false report that William Edw. Hickman, sought as the slayer, had been captured threw the Central station into confusion just before 8 a. m. The fever hea t of one of the greatest manhunts on record broke only for a minute or two, however, and the great drive went on again as word came that the report was wrong.

The intensive search, given impetus by the fact that a price of $100,000 had been placed on his head, got under way this morning after the police had announced William Edward Hickman, former employe of the Los Angeles First Trust and Savings Bank, had been positively identified through finger prints and photographs as the slayer of the 12-year-old daughter of Perry Parker, an officer of the bnak.

Chief of Detectives Herman Cline made public the findings of his investigation after police had visited the youth's home in Alhambra, Cal., and learned that the young man was not there. His mother, Mrs. Eva M. Hickman, lives in Kansas City.

The motive for kidnapping, slaying and dissection of Marian, was supplied in the police hypothesis. Hickman two years ago was given a job in the bank. He worked as a clerk until six months ago when arrested for forgery.

Admitted having traced signatures from checks entrusted in his care, the youth confessed and was paroled to his mother. Police believe Hickman got the erroneous impression that Parker had opposed his application for parole and had urged a prison sentence.

After having chased thousands of false clues, the police satisfied themselves this morning that Hickman was the man wanted. Finger prints taken from the ransom notes and from the wheel of the killer's automobile were found to correspond with those taken by the police two years ago when he was "mugged" for the forgery charges.

Hickman's photograph in the police galery was shown to Parker and to Miss Neona Britten, a teacher at Marian's school. Miss Britten said the photo was the man who came and tricked the school authorities into delivering the little girl into his hands.

As a further connecting link the police discovered that the killer's automobile was one which had been stolen from Dr. Herbert L. Mantz in Kansas City last fall. The car later turned up in San Diego, with a license taken from a stolen California Ford. Then it developed that Dr. Mantz's Kansas City home is near that of the Hickmans.

On the strength of that information the police abandoned all other leads and today centered their entire effort on the possibility of laying their hands on Young Hickman.

Press associations and newspapers were taken into the confidence of the police, told that the killer of Marian Parker had been identified and were asked to refrain from broadcasting the news until it was found whether or not the fugitive from justice was in Los Angeles or viciniy.

When it was discovered that Hickman apparently had gone, the lid was lifted and the man hunt started afresh, but this time it had a definite objective.

Court records revealed that altho' Hickman pleaded guilty to the forgery charge in Superior Court, the case went into Juvenile Court when his mother swore he was only 18 years of age. The youth had told the officers he was older.

He made application for probation and the application went to Parker for approval. Parker was busy at the time and sent one of his assistants to talk to the boy and probation officials. The application of Young Hickman then was signed by Parker's assistant.

Police believe that Hickman, knowing that Parker was to have signed the application and seeing another man's signature on the document thought that Parker had refused to approve his plea and had opposed the probation.

When Hickman, upon being placed on probation, made application for reinstatement in the bank, officials refused this. Approval of this application was not within Parker's jurisdiction.

Police believe that the youth, brooding over what he thought was the wrong done him by Parker, planned the kidnaping and gruesome murder in revenge.

Harold Pitman of Kennett spent a few days in Sikeston this week visiting boy friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Emory Baker of Chicago will arrived Friday morning to spend the holidays with homefolks.

FLOOD CONTROL REPORT IRKS BECKER

Jefferson City, December 19.—Secretary of State Charles U. Becker is indignant over a press dispatch, sent out of Washington Saturday in connection with the flood control measure before Congress. This dispatch, he says, totally misrepresented the facts.

In a letter sent to Chairman Reid this afternoon, Secretary of State Becker explains the situation as follows:

During my absence from the Capitol a clerk in the Land Department answered a telegram from you of December 8, 1927, asking for information as to the geographical location of the land ceeded to Missouri under the federal swamp act of 1850. This letter has just been brought to my attention on account of a newspaper dispatch from Washington printed in the Sunday papers saying that I, in reply to your telegram, merely called your attention to a printed pamphlet. * * * The clerk merely notified you that the charge, established by legislative act, for furnishing this detailed information, would cost about $1000. However, had I been here I would have notified you that I would have furnished this information at my own expense, because we are glad to help the Flood Control Committee in every way possible.

"Let me make you this suggestion which will, perhaps, hasten the collection of information you desire: All the records of the land ceded under the act of 1850 to Missouri are in the office of the Commissioner of the General Land Department at Washinnton. You will also find in that department a description of all lands ceded to other states under the act of 1850. No doubt the Land Department at Washington will be able to give you this information quickly. It would take a long time for my department to do this, as I have only one clerk on the work, and a great many records would have to be searched and verified before it would be completely compiled. However, if you cannot get this information at Washington, notify me immediately and we will go to work on compiling it for you committee. I am sorry this misunderstanding has arisen".

MODERATE DRINKING DECLARED HEALTHFUL

New York, December 20.—Drinking in moderation is not only unharmful to health and longevity but a positive benefit, Dr. Charles R. Stockard, professor of anatomy at Cornell University, declared last night while reading a paper upon the effects of alcohol before 200 physicians of the Medical Association of New York.

The alcohol consumed by a moderate drinker, he explained, increases the general impression to the contrary, and drunk after the age of 30, experiments have shown it has no effect whatever upon length of life. Excessive consumption of alcohol, Dr. Stockard said, was admittedly injurious.

The impression that the consumption of alcohol in any quantity was injurious to health and shortened human life, he said, can partly be traced to the insurance companies' statistics on drinkers and abstainers, in which heavy, moderate and occasional drinkers are lumped together. The heavy drinkers, he said, drag down the average of the others so that the total effect seems to indicate that obstainers have a better chance of life and health than drinkers.

Dr. Stockard in the last 17 years has conducted experiments with alcohol upon more than 5000 guinea pigs. He concluded, he said, that alcohol not only did not harm the pigs when fed regularly but that it actually benefited them and increased their life span. The experiments of other scientists bear him out, he added.

lAcohol also has positive benefits as a food and as a drug, he said, citing technical uses of alcohol as a drug, and declaring that as a food alcohol may help and stimulate growth and bodily development.

Dr. Stockard closed his paper with a plea for regulation of alcohol, so that the excesses of heav ydrinkers should not deprive the moderate drinkers should not deprive the moderate drinker of alcohol.

SAYS TOO MANY MISSOURI COWS GO AT LOW PRICES

Jefferson City, December 19.—Too many dairy cows are being sold by Missouri farmers at prices not as high as in other dairy centers, and shipped from the dairy centers, of this State, E. G. Bennett, State Dairy Commissioner, warned in his annual report for 1927, made public today.

Almost entire freedom of Missouri dairy cattle from utberculosis may be one of the reasons why so many are being bought and shipped to other states, says hte report. Another reason, it is reported, is that Missouri dairymen evidently are selling their cows at too reasonable a figure.

Commissioner Bennett declares a strong demand for dairy stock prevailed over the entire country in 1927, due to ordinances in many Eastern and Northern cities requiring that cows of dairymen be tested for tuberculosis. Many were condtmned and slaughtered and had to be replaced.

"Buyers for cows from sections where a sharp advance in prices due to the abnormal demand, making their regular buying trips, found prices almost prohibitive, and many found their way to Missouri, resulting in rather an alarming number of dairy cattle being shipped out of this state", the report says.

"Jasper County reports more than sixty carloads shipped since July 1, 1927, and several other counties report unusual activity in dairy cattle movements to other states. Where investigations were made it was found that prices received by our farmers were from 25 per cent to 40 per cent less than the same class of cows can be bought for in the dairy centers of the country".

The Greer school will give a Christmas program Friday, December 22, at 7:00 p. m. The program consists of plays, recitations and songs. Following the program will be a box supper and a box of candy will be given to the prettiest girl. Everybody is cordially invited.

Mrs. M. G. Gresham was a visitor to Charleston, Tuesday.

To Those We Serve and To Those Who Serve Us

We extend to you the compliments of the season and wish you a full measure of lasting pleasure originating during the Christmas season and lasting through the days of the new year. And let us thank you, too, for your patronage of the past.

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Christmas Time Is Candy Time

Sure enough, what's Christmas without candy? Might as well have Christmas without Santa Claus, and toys and trees! And Christmas calls for all sorts of candies;

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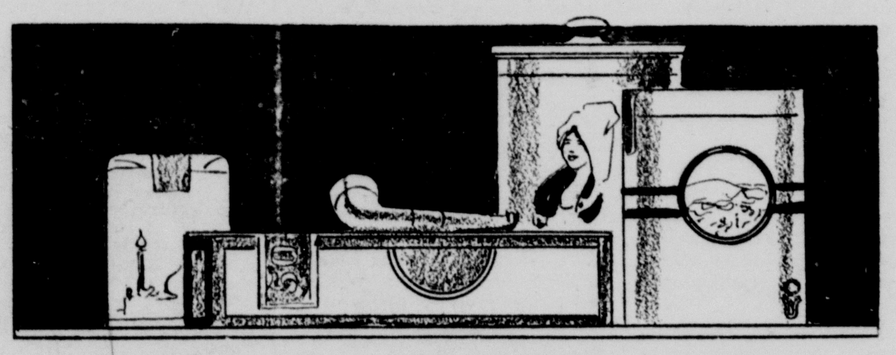
All on display at our store and all at a price that will allow you to buy plenty for the children and grownups. Special prices to churches clubs, etc.



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NEW MADRID COUNTY FARM BUREAU NEWS

Binford Henry, a farmer in the flooded area of New Madrid county makes $3500 from a 79-acre sunflower crop planted after all other crops had failed. This is an outstanding example of turning defeat into victory, and a case that shows the typical fighting spirit of the American farmer.

Mr. Henry, who lives in the eastern part of the county on the Mississipp River had flood waters covering his land twice last spring. He was no able to begin work until late June the 70 acres were planted to corn twice and each time the stand was toally desroyed by cut-worms. On July 15, Mr. Henry planted this field to sunflowers, last month he harvested the crop and he has now disposed of them to the local dealer.

He received $3500 for the sunflower seed raised on the 70 acres, this is a handsome return, but farmers must not overlook the fact, says County Agent Scott M. Julian, that it is due to the decreased acreage that the good prices of this fall were obtained. A greatly increased acreage throughout Southeast Missouri may result in 2c sunflowers as the U. S market can only use 12-15 million pounds and even a small over-production will break the market.

The use of a 90-day corn by farmers in the flooded area has been of very material aid in helping the county produce one of its best corn crops Not only has more acreage been put in than could have been secured by the use of longer maturing varieties but the 90-day corn is grading out exceptionally well, and contains but little moisture.

An example of this was told to the County Agent by J. Val Baker, Prosecuting Attorney. Mr. Baker's tenant planted a 90-day variety, "Pride of the North" on the 14th of July. The field is yielding 40 bushels per acre, and so great is the demand that all of it will be sold for seed corn, Mr. Baker stated.

Other instances of similar nature were told by Judge G. L. Tinsley. Judge Tinsley in an effort to assist the farmers making corn crops ordered several thousand bushels of 90-day varieties from reputable dealers. It was very fortunate for the county that this was done as shortly afterwards it was impossible to secure high grade 90-day seed corn. Judge Tinsley stated that from the number of favorable comments that he had received, that there was no question but what the use of 90-day varieties had made the farmers of the county thousands of dollars.

Agood quality of skim milk should have a yield of 15 to 18 pounds of cottage cheese per 100 pounds of skim milk.

Learning the Bible by heart is the self-imposed task of the 40,000 members of the Berean Band of Bible Learners. The movement is 21 years old this year and was originated in Acton, London.

A light ray with a beam of 1,380,000,000 candlepower, which is visible for a distance of 250 miles, has been installed at Charlottesville, Va., to guide pilots of air mails. If the light were shining towards a man at a distance of 50 miles he could read a newspaper by it.

Music and Brief Cases

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BOND COMPROMISE FOR STATE ROADS

Jefferson City, December 19.—Compromise of the difference between the $120,000,000 additional State road bond issue advocated by the Automobile Club of Missouri and the opposing one of $60,000,000 recommended by the State Highway Commission to avoid almost certain defeat of both if they are submitted jointly in the next election, was urged here today by State Senator A. T. McCawley of Carthage, chairman of the Senate Roads and Highways Committee of the 1927 Legislature.

Members of the Highway Commission plan to meet in St. Louis Wednesday to discuss details of the $60,000,000 proposal, which was announced last Wednesday. It is understood the Automobile Club is to have similar conference about that time on the $120,000,000 plan and it has been suggested they get together and seek a compromise. Many objections have been raised against the commission's proposal on the ground such an amount would not provide fully for completion of the present 7640-mile system and necessary mileage in connection, widen highways in the metropolitan areas and permit development of farm-to-market feeder roads in each county. Each of these four important points is provided for in the $120,000,000 proposal.

There have been suggestions that the Automobile Club proceed to place the $120,000,000 proposal on the ballot, irrespective of the Commissioners' recommendation, because of the strong support of the proposal that has developed over the State. Others have suggested the two plans be withdrawn and a compromise one of $80,000,000 to $90,000,000 be submittde to prevent splitting the bond issue support in the State.

"A division between advocates of the State highway system endangers completion of the system", Senator McCawley said. "I think no program could be adopted that does not have the joint support of the Highway Commission, the Automobile Club of Missouri and those who are justly demanding a system of farm-to-market roads. It is to be hoped there forces speedily will reach a basis of agreement. Two propositions on the ballot will almost certainly result in defeat of both".

McCawley, as chairman of the Senate Roads and Highways Committee, last winer introduced in the Legislature a proposed amendment to the Constitution, authorizing a $120,000,000 bond issue. It was backed by the Automobile Club and others and was very similar to the proposal the Automobile Club now plans to submit through the initiative.

The measure introduced by McCawley was passed by the Senate and was approved by the House Roads and Highways Committee, but was delayed in the House and did not reach a vote in the eleventh-hour preceding adjournment.

"From information coming to me, there is an overwhelming sentiment for completion of the system as now projected", McCawley said, "and construction of a system of farm-to-market roads in each county. The people, while acknowledging the valuable services of the Automobile Club and having unlimited faith in in its recommendations, at the same time want to support such proposals as the State Highway Commission shall unanimously recommend. Which, of course, means that the present serious situation by all means ought to be solved on a basis of mutual concessions.

"The adoption of an amendment to the Constitution like the enactment of a law by the Geheral Assembly necesarrily requires that we approach the task with a spirit of give and take. By all means let us find a basis of agreement".

Making a clock that has no steel parts and needs no oiling is now possible through a new alloy perfected by an English inventor.

A bruise on his heel a month ago has resulted in the amputation of W. L. Holcomb's right leg. Holcomb resides at Dexter. He was taken to a hospital at Poplar Bluff in a critical condition from blood poisoning which developed from the wound. His recovery is considered doubtful.

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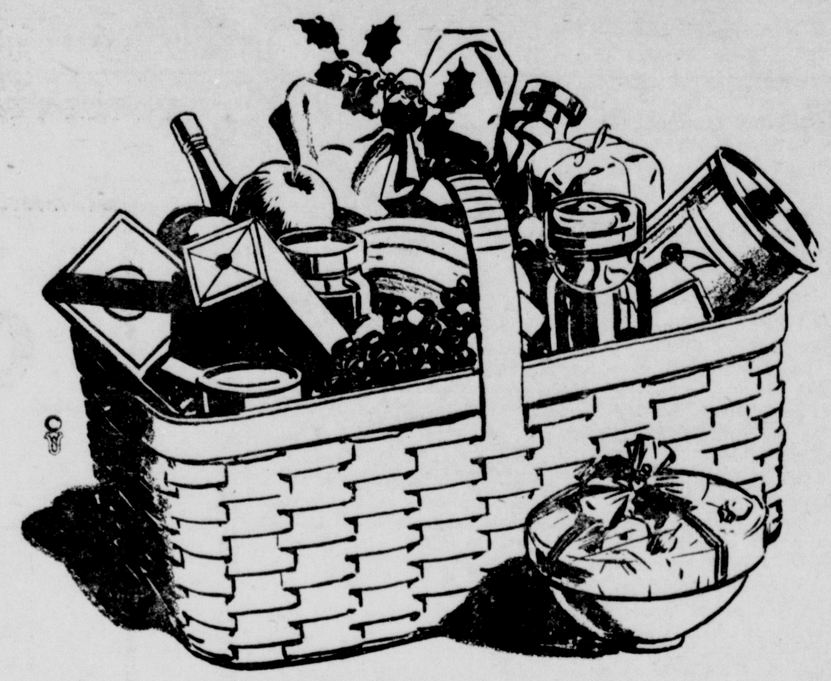

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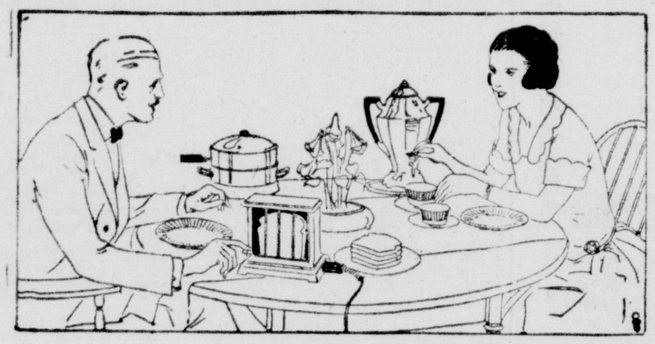

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PROCLAMATION OF MAYOR OF CITY OF SIKESTON SUBMITTING THE QUESTION OF ORGANIZING THE CITY OF SIKESTON INTO ALTERNATIVE OR COMMISSION FORM OF GOVERNMENT.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, a petition of the qualified electors of the City of Sikeston equal in number to twenty-five per cent of the votes cast for all candidates for Mayor at the last preceeding city election of said city has been submitted to the Mayor of said City of Sikeston for organizing the said City of Sikeston into Alternative or Commission form of government as provided in Article V., Chapter 72, of the Laws of Missouri, 1919, and amendments thereto, and,

WHEREAS, it is the duty of said Mayor under the law, upon the filing of said petition, to submit to the qualified voters of said City the question of organizing as a city under said Article V., Chapter 72 of the Laws of Missouri, 1919, and amendments thereto,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, N. E. Fuchs, Mayor of the City of Sikeston, Missouri, as required by law and by authority of the aforesaid petition, do hereby call a special election to be held in the four separate wards of said City of Sikeston on

TUESDAY, THE 10TH DAY OF JANUARY, 1928

for the purpose of submitting to the qualified voters of said city the proposition of organizing said city under the Alternative or Commission Form of Government as provided in said Article V. Chapter 72, and amendments thereto, of the laws of Missouri, 1919.

The voting place in each of the four wards of said City of Sikeston, Missouri, on said date will be at the following places:—

Ward One at the City Hall.
Ward Two at Boyers Garage.
Ward Three at the Ford Garage.
Ward Four at the office of E. C. Robinson Lumber Co.

The polls will be open for receiving votes at said special election on the date hereinbefore mentioned in all the voting places prescribed herein from six o'clock in the forenoon until seven o'clock in the afternoon.

Done at my office in Sikeston, Missouri, this 12th day of December, 1927.

(SEAL)

N. E. FUCHS,
Mayor.

Attest: P. H. STEVENSON,
City Clerk

Notice of Special City Election

Pursuant to an ordinance duly passed by the City Council of the City of Sikeston, Scott County, Mo., and approved by the Mayor of said City, notice is hereby given that a special election will be held in the four different wards of said City of Sikeston on Tuesday, the 10th day of January, 1928, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified voters of said City the proposition of approving or disapproving ordinance No. 1070, as passed by said City Council on the 5th day of December, 1927, granting to Moody and Seagraves, a co-partnership, a franchise to erect the necessary equipment and furnish gas to the City of Sikeston and the inhabitants thereof, which said Ordinance No. 1070, omitting formal portion thereof, is in words and figures, as follows:

"BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIKESTON, MISSOURI, TO-WIT:

Section 1. That there is hereby granted unto MOODY & SEAGRAVES, a co-partnership composed of W. L. Moody, III, and O. R. Seagraves, with offices in St. Louis, State of Missouri, herein called "Grantee", and to Grantee's successors, heirs and assigns, the rights, permission, privilege and franchise for a period of twenty (20) years from an after taking effect of this Ordinance subject to the laws of the State of Missouri now in force or hereinafter enacted, and to the conditions and limitations herein contained to erect, install, construct, reconstruct, repair, own, operate, maintain, manage and control a gas plant and gas distributing systems consisting of pipes, conduits, and other equipment and fixtures necessary, convenient or proper, for the production, transmission, distribution and delivery within the limits of said Municipality of gas for light, heat and power purposes to the said Municipality and its inhabitants.

Section 2. That said Grantee, its successors, heirs and assigns, are hereby granted the right-of-way in, under, over, along and across the streets, sidewalks, alleys, bridges and other highways and public grounds of said Municipality for the purpose of erecting, installing, constructing, reconstructing and repairing, owning, operating maintaining, managing and controlling said gas plant and said gas distributing system.

Section 3. That said grantee shall hold said Municipality free and harmless of and from any and all liability, damages, actions and causes of action, caused by or through the neglect or mismanagement of the grantee in the erection, installation, construction, reconstruction, repair, operation, maintenance, management and control of said gas plant and distribution system.

Section 4. That said Grantee shall not, during the erection, installation, construction, reconstruction, repairing, operating and maintenance of said plant or distribution system, unnecessarily impede public travel on the streets, sidewalks, alleys, bridges and public grounds of said Municipality, and shall leave all of said streets, sidewalks, alleys, bridges and other highways and public ground upon which it may enter for the purposes herein authorized in as good condition as they were at the date of said entry.

Section 5. That if any section or portion of a section of this Ordinance shall be declared null and void by any competent authority, the remaining portions hereof shall not be affected thereby.

Section 6. Nothing herein contained shall ever be held to confer an exclusive right upon the Grantee herein.

Section 7. That in the event the Grantee herein, or its heirs, successors or assigns, shall not begin construction of a gas plant or a gas distributing system for the purpose of distributng gas purisuant to the terms hereof within ninety (90) days after the completion of a pipe line for the transportation of natural gas from the gas fields of Louisiana to the vicinity of St. Louis, Missouri, which the Grantee contemplates constructing, or causing to be constructed, or if the Grantee, its heirs, successors or assigns hereof shall fail to commence operation hereunder within two (2) years after granting hereof, then this franchise shall be forfeited and shall no longer be binding on either of the parties hereto.

Section 8. That this Ordinance shall take effect from and after its passage and approval and consent thereto by the qualified voters according to law".

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GIRL'S SLAYER IDENTIFED BY FINGER PRINTS

Los Angeles, December 20.—A man believed to be William Edward Hickman, named by the police as the slayer of Marian Parker, driving what the police think is his second stolen automobile, slipped through a tremendous police dragnet this morning and escaped capture by a minute.

So close was the chase that a short time later a report reached police headquarters of his arrest, but it proved a mistake, and upwards of 7,000 peace officers of Southern California continued the drive.

Just before dawn, a blue Cadillac car with wire wheels pulled into a filling station on West Sixth street. The driver asked for five gallons of gasoline, got it and requested a new bulb for one of his headlights. While the attendant was inside the building getting the light, the big blue car pulled out at top speed.

Jack Woods, the attendant, jumped into his automobile nad gave chase not for a fugitive with $100,000 on his head, but to collect $1.03 for gasoline.

At top speed the two cars thundered down Sxith street to Broadway, the main business artery of the city.

They swung into Broadway going north with the fugitive gaining. Some one telephoned police about the mad chase which was headed almost directly for the headquarters of Herman H. Cline, chief of detectives, in charge of the manhunt. It was Cline who last night announced that the man sought for the killing was Hickman, once employed in the bank where the girl's father was an official.

The detective chief threw a squad of 100 officers into the street at a moment's notice. Before they could reach that intersection, the fugitive, without slowing down, spun east and escaped in the darkness. Later word said Hickman was the fugitive, judging from the photographs at police headquartres.

Meanwhile a heavy guard was thrown around Central police station where a man whose name was not divulged but who is said by Cline to have been an intermediary between the abductor and the Parker family, is being held. This man, an aviation enthusiast, came here recently from Kansas City, former home of Hickman.

Mutterings of violence prompted the development of the station guard.

A false report that William Edw. Hickman, sought as the slayer, had been captured threw the Central station into confusion just before 8 a. m. The fever hea t of one of the greatest manhunts on record broke only for a minute or two, however, and the great drive went on again as word came that the report was wrong.

The intensive search, given impetus by the fact that a price of $100,000 had been placed on his head, got under way this morning after the police had announced William Edward Hickman, former employe of the Los Angeles First Trust and Savings Bank, had been positively identified through finger prints and photographs as the slayer of the 12-year-old daughter of Perry Parker, an officer of the bnak.

Chief of Detectives Herman Cline made public the findings of his investigation after police had visited the youth's home in Alhambra, Cal., and learned that the young man was not there. His mother, Mrs. Eva M. Hickman, lives in Kansas City.

The motive for kidnapping, slaying and dissection of Marian, was supplied in the police hypothesis. Hickman two years ago was given a job in the bank. He worked as a clerk until six months ago when arrested for forgery.

Admitted having traced signatures from checks entrusted in his care, the youth confessed and was paroled to his mother. Police believe Hickman got the erroneous impression that Parker had opposed his application for parole and had urged a prison sentence.

After having chased thousands of false clues, the police satisfied themselves this morning that Hickman was the man wanted. Finger prints taken from the ransom notes and from the wheel of the killer's automobile were found to correspond with those taken by the police two years ago when he was "mugged" for the forgery charges.

Hickman's photograph in the police galery was shown to Parker and to Miss Neona Britten, a teacher at Marian's school. Miss Britten said the photo was the man who came and tricked the school authorities into delivering the little girl into his hands.

As a further connecting link the police discovered that the killer's automobile was one which had been stolen from Dr. Herbert L. Mantz in Kansas City last fall. The car later turned up in San Diego, with a license taken from a stolen California Ford. Then it developed that Dr. Mantz's Kansas City home is near that of the Hickmans.

On the strength of that information the police abandoned all other leads and today centered their entire effort on the possibility of laying their hands on Young Hickman.

Press associations and newspapers were taken into the confidence of the police, told that the killer of Marian Parker had been identified and were asked to refrain from broadcasting the news until it was found whether or not the fugitive from justice was in Los Angeles or viciniy.

When it was discovered that Hickman apparently had gone, the lid was lifted and the man hunt started afresh, but this time it had a definite objective.

Court records revealed that altho' Hickman pleaded guilty to the forgery charge in Superior Court, the case went into Juvenile Court when his mother swore he was only 18 years of age. The youth had told the officers he was older.

He made application for probation and the application went to Parker for approval. Parker was busy at the time and sent one of his assistants to talk to the boy and probation officials. The application of Young Hickman then was signed by Parker's assistant.

Police believe that Hickman, knowing that Parker was to have signed the application and seeing another man's signature on the document thought that Parker had refused to approve his plea and had opposed the probation.

When Hickman, upon being placed on probation, made application for reinstatement in the bank, officials refused this. Approval of this application was not within Parker's jurisdiction.

Police believe that the youth, brooding over what he thought was the wrong done him by Parker, planned the kidnaping and gruesome murder in revenge.

Harold Pitman of Kennett spent a few days in Sikeston this week visiting boy friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Emory Baker of Chicago will arrived Friday morning to spend the holidays with homefolks.

FLOOD CONTROL REPORT IRKS BECKER

Jefferson City, December 19.—Secretary of State Charles U. Becker is indignant over a press dispatch, sent out of Washington Saturday in connection with the flood control measure before Congress. This dispatch, he says, totally misrepresented the facts.

In a letter sent to Chairman Reid this afternoon, Secretary of State Becker explains the situation as follows:

During my absence from the Capitol a clerk in the Land Department answered a telegram from you of December 8, 1927, asking for information as to the geographical location of the land ceeded to Missouri under the federal swamp act of 1850. This letter has just been brought to my attention on account of a newspaper dispatch from Washington printed in the Sunday papers saying that I, in reply to your telegram, merely called your attention to a printed pamphlet. * * * The clerk merely notified you that the charge, established by legislative act, for furnishing this detailed information, would cost about $1000. However, had I been here I would have notified you that I would have furnished this information at my own expense, because we are glad to help the Flood Control Committee in every way possible.

"Let me make you this suggestion which will, perhaps, hasten the collection of information you desire: All the records of the land ceded under the act of 1850 to Missouri are in the office of the Commissioner of the General Land Department at Washinnton. You will also find in that department a description of all lands ceded to other states under the act of 1850. No doubt the Land Department at Washington will be able to give you this information quickly. It would take a long time for my department to do this, as I have only one clerk on the work, and a great many records would have to be searched and verified before it would be completely compiled. However, if you cannot get this information at Washington, notify me immediately and we will go to work on compiling it for you committee. I am sorry this misunderstanding has arisen".

MODERATE DRINKING DECLARED HEALTHFUL

New York, December 20.—Drinking in moderation is not only unharmful to health and longevity but a positive benefit, Dr. Charles R. Stockard, professor of anatomy at Cornell University, declared last night while reading a paper upon the effects of alcohol before 200 physicians of the Medical Association of New York.

The alcohol consumed by a moderate drinker, he explained, increases the general impression to the contrary, and drunk after the age of 30, experiments have shown it has no effect whatever upon length of life. Excessive consumption of alcohol, Dr. Stockard said, was admittedly injurious.

The impression that the consumption of alcohol in any quantity was injurious to health and shortened human life, he said, can partly be traced to the insurance companies' statistics on drinkers and abstainers, in which heavy, moderate and occasional drinkers are lumped together. The heavy drinkers, he said, drag down the average of the others so that the total effect seems to indicate that obstainers have a better chance of life and health than drinkers.

Dr. Stockard in the last 17 years has conducted experiments with alcohol upon more than 5000 guinea pigs. He concluded, he said, that alcohol not only did not harm the pigs when fed regularly but that it actually benefited them and increased their life span. The experiments of other scientists bear him out, he added.

lAcohol also has positive benefits as a food and as a drug, he said, citing technical uses of alcohol as a drug, and declaring that as a food alcohol may help and stimulate growth and bodily development.

Dr. Stockard closed his paper with a plea for regulation of alcohol, so that the excesses of heav ydrinkers should not deprive the moderate drinkers should not deprive the moderate drinker of alcohol.

SAYS TOO MANY MISSOURI COWS GO AT LOW PRICES

Jefferson City, December 19.—Too many dairy cows are being sold by Missouri farmers at prices not as high as in other dairy centers, and shipped from the dairy centers, of this State, E. G. Bennett, State Dairy Commissioner, warned in his annual report for 1927, made public today.

Almost entire freedom of Missouri dairy cattle from utberculosis may be one of the reasons why so many are being bought and shipped to other states, says hte report. Another reason, it is reported, is that Missouri dairymen evidently are selling their cows at too reasonable a figure.

Commissioner Bennett declares a strong demand for dairy stock prevailed over the entire country in 1927, due to ordinances in many Eastern and Northern cities requiring that cows of dairymen be tested for tuberculosis. Many were condtmned and slaughtered and had to be replaced.

"Buyers for cows from sections where a sharp advance in prices due to the abnormal demand, making their regular buying trips, found prices almost prohibitive, and many found their way to Missouri, resulting in rather an alarming number of dairy cattle being shipped out of this state", the report says.

"Jasper County reports more than sixty carloads shipped since July 1, 1927, and several other counties report unusual activity in dairy cattle movements to other states. Where investigations were made it was found that prices received by our farmers were from 25 per cent to 40 per cent less than the same class of cows can be bought for in the dairy centers of the country".

The Greer school will give a Christmas program Friday, December 22, at 7:00 p. m. The program consists of plays, recitations and songs. Following the program will be a box supper and a box of candy will be given to the prettiest girl. Everybody is cordially invited.

Mrs. M. G. Gresham was a visitor to Charleston, Tuesday.

To Those We Serve and To Those Who Serve Us

We extend to you the compliments of the season and wish you a full measure of lasting pleasure originating during the Christmas season and lasting through the days of the new year. And let us thank you, too, for your patronage of the past.

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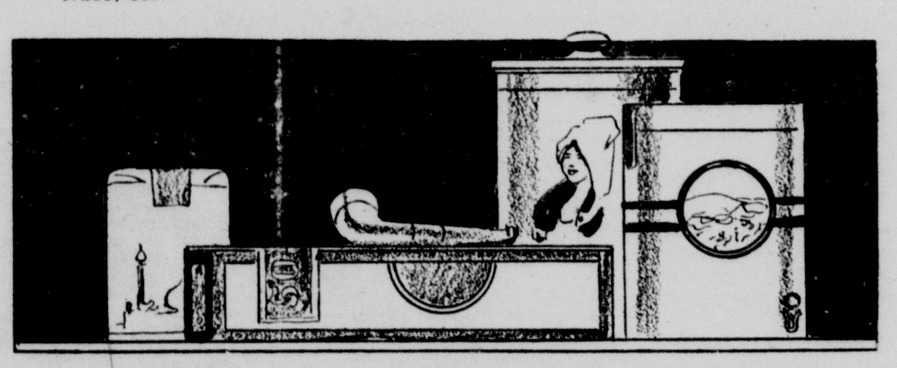

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GOVERNOR SEEKS COMPROMISE ON ROAD BOND ISSUE

Jefferson City, December 20.—Gov Baker this afternoon urged a compromise between the $120,000,000 additional road bond issue, advocated by the Automobile Club of Missouri, and the opposing one of $60,000,000, backed by the State Highway Commission almost on the eve of separate conferences of the two groups in St. Louis tomorrow to discuss their respective proposals.

The Governor wrote letters to C. D. Matthews of Sikeston, chairman of the State Highway Commission and Roy A. Britton, president of the Automobile Club, urging them to "get together" on a basis of mutual concession, and to go before the voters on a proposal with a united front.

Gov. Baker's statement comes after it had been indicated he would take no part in the dispute.

While the Governor's letter to Matthews said he was "just throwing out a suggestion", it will have considerable weight with the commission. In answer to a criticism that the administration had a part in the commission's sudden recommendation of $60,000,000 proposal, thereby ignoring the $120,000,000 proposal of the Automobile Club, Gov. Baker said, "I simply mentioned to the commission that I felt that the commission should make a recommendation to the people.

"You have done this", the Governor continued in the letter to Matthews, "but it would be extremely hazardous to the road program for two propositions to go before the people".

"There may be a disposition on the part of some to compromise in a way to get what they want. However, I believe that all real friends of the road program would be interested in a real compromise and I believe that if you and Maj. Britton, who is at the head of the Automobile Club of Missouri would get together, that you would be willing to give and take and go before the people with a united front, with a proposition that would easily go over.

"I am just throwing this out as a suggestion, and the same letter is being sent to Maj. Britton. I believe that the people of the State have sufficient confidence in both you and Maj. Britton that whatever you would decide upon would have considerable weight. If I can assist in any way in bringing about this compromise, do not hesitate to call upon me".

Compromise of the differences was urged here yesterday by State Senator A. T. McCawley of Carthage, chairman of the Senate Roads and Highways Committee of the 1927 Legislature.

Members of the Highway Commission plan to meet in St. Louis tomorrow to discuss details of the $60,000,000 proposal. It is understood the Automobile Club is to have similar conference about that itme on the $120,000,000 plan.

Forgive and forget sounds well, but most folks are for getting than for giving.—Wall Street Journal.

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REED WON'T SEEK SENATE SEAT, SAYS SAM W. FORDYCE

Washington, December 20.—Samuel W. Fordyce, chairman of the Democratic State Committee of Missouri and a close personal friend to Senator Reed, issued a statement here today saying that under no circumstances would Reed run again for the Senate. Fordyce added that Reed's friends were working to have him nominated for the presidency, and that Reed, while not himself seeking the nomination, was aware of their activity for him.

The statement was as follows: 'Several months ago a small group of Missourians, feeling that with Senator James A. Reed as our candidate for President, the country would again have the benefit of a Democratic administration, determined to ascertain Democratic sentiment in other states. Theirs was a fact finding investigation and not an attempt to disseminate propaganda....

"Surprisingly encouraged by a wide-spread demand for Senator Reed to allow his name to go before the convention, they urged him to permit such use of his name.

'Following an enthusiastic indorsement for Senator Reed at a state wide mass meeting in October, an active campaign was started and is now well under way. Great pressure has been brought to persuade him to also file for renomination for the Senate, which under our law must be done before June, 1928.

"I can state, however, that he will not under any circumstances again become a candidate, for the Senate "I am issuing this time because of persistent rumors, started presumably by certain metropolitan newspapers, that Senator Reed is not seeking the nomination for President While it is perfectly true that he is not seeking the nomination, I wish to state most emphatically that his friends are seeking it for him and that he is cognizant of the fact. We shall do everything in our power to acquaint the people with Senator Reed's record and explain the reasons for our firm conviction that he can be nominated and will be elected. By doing so, we believe that we will perform a great service to the Democratic party and to the people.

"Of Partisan Democrats and independent voters who believe in the fundamental principles on which the Democratic party was founded, we ask the following questions:

"What other Democrat can surely carry Missouri as well as the Solid South in 1928? Do they realize that Roosevelt, Harding and Coolidge all carried Missouri?

"What other Democrat has as good a chance to carry the 'doubtful' states of West Virginia, Kentucky, Indiana, Oklahoma and Kansas?

"What other Democrat appeals so strongly to the Northwestern states lying between the Pacific and the Great Lakes? We present the name of Senator James A. Reed, not only because of all Democrats whose names have heretofore been mentioned at the chances of his election are the best, but because as President he would rank with the great men who have honored that office in the past, and because he would perform the duties imposed upon him with the knowledge of national affairs developed his 17 years of appearance as Senator, with the intelligence nature has given him and that industry and education have developed; with the fairness and justice that can spring only from a noble nature such as his; with innate courage and above all with uncompromising honesty and ardent love of country.

"No one need be in any doubt as to Senator Reed's views on any problems confronting the nation, as his record is made.

"From it we have learned that if he is elected President no action will be taken by him that will be injurious to legitimate business; that he will be the zealous guardian of the rights of property and of the right to honestly acquire property without undue interference by meddlesome Governmental bureaus; that the Government will only exercise the functions intended for it by its founders; that he will continue to be the champion of honest elections and that he will appoint men to high official positions men of whose honesty, integrity and capacity he has first satisfied himself beyond the shade of doubt".

LOCAL AND PERSONAL FROM MATTHEWS

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Shelton and family visited their daughter, Mrs. Bob Duckworth and family at Risco, Sunday.

Mrs. G. F. Deane and daughter, Miss Frankie, spent Saturday in New Madrid, the guests of their daughter and sister, Mrs. Aubrey Lurmit and family.

Mrs. H. A. Woods and brother, Gobel Owen, spent Wednesday at Catron.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Revelle of Flint, Mich., arrived in Matthews, on Saturday, to spend the holidays with their parents.

Will Mann of New Madrid was in Matthews last Thursday.

Presiding Elder Rev, Montgomery preached at the Methodist church on Sunday morning. He held the first quarter conference here at 2:30 in the afternoon.

Misses Ella Ruth Fletcher, Lillith Deane, and Mrs. Roy Alsup shopped in Cape Girardeau, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. O. K. Mainord, Mrs. Nannie Mainord and Miss Madge Mainord of New Madrid, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Steele, Sunday.

The basketball teams of both boys and girls went to Portageville Friday to play. Matthews' teams won both games.

Miss Ruth Cullie left Friday for her home in Tulsa, Okla., to spend the holidays.

Misses Elizabeth Brackel and Thelma Davis shopped in Cape Girardeau Saturday.

Mrs. Ben Sells was hostess to the Rook Club Friday afternoon. Mrs. Wm. Critchlow, Mrs. Jerry Caverno and Mrs. George Arterburn of Sikeston were the guests. Mrs. Arterburn was given the prize, a candle stick and candle. Mrs. G. D. Englehart received the consolation prize, a bottle of perfume. Refreshments were served.

East Prairie Order of Eastern Star, No. 400, held installation of the following officers: Mrs. R. A. Doyle, worthy matron; J. W. Nelson, worthy patron; Mrs. E. C. DeField, associate matron; Mrs. R. D. Watson, conductress; Mrs. J. R. Presson, associate conductress; Miss Mollie Friedman, secretary; Mrs. J. H. Nelson, treasurer.

Tapestries dating back to the middle of the sixteenth century and among the finest specimens of this art are to be seen in the Jerusalem Chamber at Westminster Abbey.

To give motorists clear vision a disk of transparent material has been invented to be fastened inside a windshied to prevent frost or steaming or outside to repel snow.

Light rivaling daylight can be obtained indoors for making photographs with a light weight portable arc lamp that can be plugged into any light socket.

There are only two tobacco plantations in England, one being in Hampshire and covering 20 acres. The leaves are made into cigars, cigarettes and pipe tobacco.

Notice of Administration

Notice Is Hereby Given, That Letters of Administration on the estate of William Y. Hitt, deceased, were granted to the undersigned on the 14th day of December, 1927, by the Probate Court of Scott County, Missouri.

All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them to me for allowance within six months after the date of said letters, or they may be precluded from any benefit of such estate; and if such claims be not exhibited within one year from the date of said letters, they shall be forever barred.

MRS. E. A. LAWRENCE
Administratrix.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Probate Court of Scott County.
(SEAL)

THOS. B. DUDLEY,
Probate Judge.

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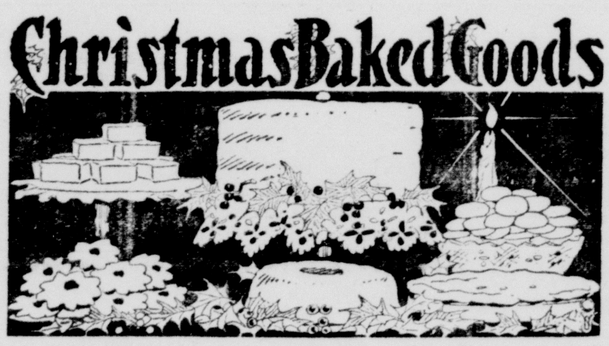

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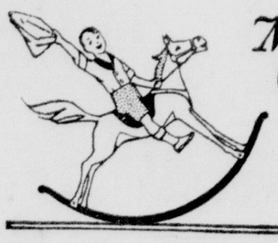

May Your Christmas and New Year Be Happy

Reaching back through the space of years our "family" of patrons looms up as a big one. Some of you have grown to riper ages and even some have grown up in the friendship of this business and they too are our patrons.

To know that we have given you the best of our ability in conscientious service and true values always brings peace of mind and satisfied hearts.

As we look to the New Year we are thinking and planning of better means to please you and to enlarge our "family circle" of pleased patrons.

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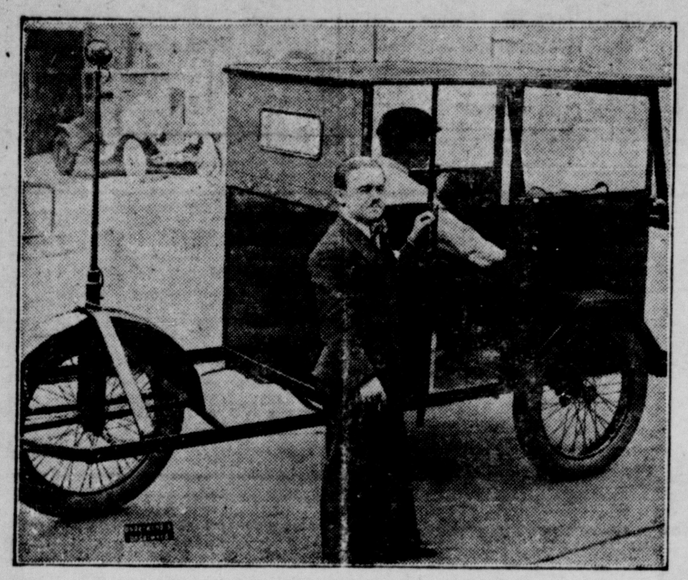
ATHLETIC AUTOMOBILE IS MOTORLESS



What is called an athletic automobile is being used by Elmo DeVora and his manager, P. DeCarmo, in touring the United States. DeVora is a wrestler and the athletic automobile is pedaled by hand and steered by the feet. DeVora contends that by using his hands and shoulders it conditions him as an athlete. The photograph shows DeVora inside the car with his manager outside.

AGAIN ADVOCATES ROAD COURTESY

Giving of Proper Signals in Intelligent Manner Is Often Overlooked.

Highway courtesy and co-operation are ideals that constantly are laid before motordom in the campaign for safer highways. One of the chief difficulties standing in the way of their attainment by motorists generally is the failure of their advocates, in too many instances, to define precisely what is meant by the term, says a statement issued by national headquarters of the American Automobile association.

"As one of the most enthusiastic and persistent advocates of these ideals, the American Automobile association has submitted a questionnaire to its clubs executives in 928 communities in an effort to get an accurate and up-to-the-minute definition of courtesy and co-operation between motorists," says the statement.

Signals Are Important.

"Co-operation and courtesy apparently begin with the giving of signals," says the statement. "Virtually all of the replies to the questionnaire emhasized this point and, undoubtedly, a large majority of motorists will agree with its primary importance. For with millions using the nation's highways, it is obvious that one driver cannot, with safety, leave another in doubt as to his intentions. The carelessly given signal is almost as bad as no signal at all. Yet many thousands of motorists do not realize that they are being discourteous, to say the least, when they fail to give the signal that is clear.

"The giving of signals does not stop with those involving the extended arm," the statement points out. "Parking lights are very important signals that frequently are overlooked, the A. A. A. finds. To leave a car without a light to inform other motorists of its presence is to invite them to what may be physical disaster. From this, it may be seen that there is much more to using the parking light than merely escaping a visit to traffic court."

Many Ways to Co-Operate.

In actual operation of the car on the street or highway, there are many ways to co-operate. These are known to virtually every driver, but many fail to make use of their knowledge in co-operating with other motorists, the statement says.

Yosemite Park Records Broken for This Year

Surpassing all yearly attendance records, Yosemite closed the 1926-1927 travel season on September 30 with a total of 490,430 visitors, an increase of 79 per cent over the year previous, when only 274,209 visitors registered at the various park entrances.

A study of the travel season just closed reveals 444,786 persons entering the park in motor vehicles, as compared to the 234,567 visitors that were brought to Yosemite during the 1925-1926 travel season in 74,970 motor vehiclese.

Park authorities are positive that the phenomenal increase for the season just closed is due primarily to the new all-year road enabling the automobile owner to drive to Yosemite 365 days in the year.

Gasoline Evaporation Spoiled Station Profit

Gasoline service staion owners in New Jersey lost approximately $50,000 through evaporation and leakage when they attempted to take advantage of the 2-cent tax on gasoline which became effective in that state on July 1 last. Several weeks before the tax went into effect retail distributors stocked up, as all gas delivered before July 1 was free of tax. It is estimated that while some dealers made a profit by pocketing the 2 cents, the loss to some of the bigger concerns was heavy.

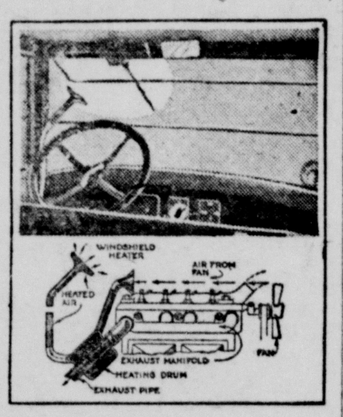
Chinese Jay-Walkers Are Being Educated

Chinese jay-walkers are being educated by professional story tellers, employed by the government, who deliver talks on the Shanghai streets. Here's one of their tales:

"Now, the swift motor car and the clanging street car are just like tigers, and if you do not take care to watch the policeman at the corner and obey his signals you will not live to grow up and acquire many sons, but will be killed, and your sons, too, so that your ancestral tablets will be untended. The road is like a tiger's mouth; from its center keep away."

Homemade Heater Melts Snow on a Windshield

No wiper will keep your windshield clear when snow freezes to everything it touches. Then you must apply heat to melt the snow. The illustration shows a homemade hot-air heater applied to the exhaust pipe. A funnel arrangement with the opening toward the fan forces air through the stove,



When Sleet or Snow Begins to Stick, You Need a Windshield Heater to Make Driving Safe. As Shown in This Illustration, the Windshield Is Heated by Hot Air Supplied by a Special Exhaust Pipe Stove and Old Vacuum-Cleaner Parts.

up an old vacuum-cleaner hose and out the nozzle, also a vacuum-cleaner part. The air keeps the glass above the freezing point, enabling the wiper to work. Some experimenting will get the nozzle the right distance from the glass.—Popular Science Monthly.

Auto Can Stop Quicker Than a Fast Locomotive

A traffic expert states that a train running only 40 miles an hour requires 1,320 feet in which to stop, whereas the ordinary motor car running at the same speed can be stopped in 93 feet and it requires but a few seconds. It can plainly be seen from this that the burden of avoiding accidents rests almost solely with the motorist. The engineer of the locomotive is powerless, regardless of his vigilance, precaution and skill. About all he can do is pull on the whistle cord and shudder as some one "races" him to the crossing.

AUTOMOBILE HINTS

California reduced its motor fatality record 12 per cent last year.

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"Hogs are little changed," heads a market report. They still monopolize the center of the road.

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Be sure your warning horn is working properly. You may have great need for it in an emergency.

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It is now said that the horse has "readjusted himself to the automobile," which is more than some pedestrians have been able to do.

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The wise motorist always has a good spare tire. It is no pleasure to change a tire at any time, but in the cold winter months it is quite a task.

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Friday, December 23rd
Afternoon and Evening

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Caveman lover or parlor sheik? Romance on a South Sea Isle or petting in Broadway style? Don't decide until you've seen Handsome Lloyd Hughes as a Lounge Lizard, Night Club Owl and Golf Hound—and Beautiful Mary Astor as the Gentle Gazelle who tried to make a Lovable Lion out of him! It's the season's brightest comedy-drama!

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Thursday, December 29
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"TEA FOR THREE"

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Afternoon and Evening

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WEEKLY FILM REVIEW.

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Wednesday, Dec. 28th

Polly Wants a "Cracker"-Jack of a Picture,—and

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A mighty love story that will bring tears to her eyes—laughs to her lips—and quivering moments of clutched suspense!

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FARM STOCK

OFTEN A LETTER HELPS A FARMER

Sometimes a letter to one of the research or extension authorities prevents a farmer from making some serious mistake in his operation.

For instance one man who has five brood sows that he is using in building up a swine herd wants to know how to feed his pigs. In a letter to Earl H. Hostetler of the North Carolina State college he says: "I am now feeding my own ration of 25 parts of soy-bean meal, 25 parts of corn meal, and 50 parts of wheat bran. Please advise me if this is practical?"

"This ration would possibly be good for brood sows at certain periods," replied Professor Hostetler, "but is an absolute failure for growing or fattening pigs. The 50 per cent bran is largely filler and has practically no food value for hogs. Also the ration as suggested, is too high in protein and would be improved by substituting the corn meal for the wheat bran and by using some fish meal to replace part of the soy-bean meal."

In other words, this hog grower was going ahead with a ration of his own choosing without knowing about the food value of the ingredients used and would probably soon despair because he did not make the gains with his hogs that he had expected to make. Thinking possibly that the agricultural workers of state college had tested out certain rations and food mixtures, he decided to drop a line to get such suggestions as were available. Information was sent to this grower that will help him to make a success with his hog feeding venture and will prevent him from making costly mistakes.

According to Dean I. O. Schaub of the school of agriculture, this is one of the services that the agricultural workers are expected to render. Those who write letters, however, should be sure to sign them correctly and to give their post office addresses in full. Many letters fail to get proper attention because there is no address given.

Comfortable Hog Must Be Fed Right Kind of Feed

A hog that isn't fed a balanced ration will be restless and nervous because of the craving for those elements lacking in its ration. This is what causes a hog to root the pasture, and catch chickens. A hog couldn't be called comfortable in this kind of a condition. Neither will the rate of gain nor economy of gain be satisfactory with an unbalanced ration. The usual farm hog ration is kitchen slop and corn or grain sorghum. On this kind of ration a pig will gain from one-half to three-quarters pound per day, and it takes from 800 to 1,200 pounds of corn to make 100 pounds of gain, whereas a balanced ration will make 100 pounds gain with 300 pounds of corn and 40 to 50 pounds of protein and mineral feeds to balance the ration.

Linseed Meal Reduces Cost of Feeding Pigs

The addition of linseed meal to a ration of corn, tankage, salt and limestone increased the rate of gain of pigs from .75 pound daily to 1.02 pounds daily, and reduced the cost per hundred pounds gain from $6.45 to $6.22 in an Ohio feeding trial reported at the Ohio Live Stock day, June 4.

The pigs that did not have linseed meal consumed 427.1 pounds, feed per hundred pounds gain, whereas the pigs having linseed meal consumed only 406.4 pounds. Fourteen and six-tenths pounds of linseed meal replaced 10.5 pounds of tankage for each hundred pounds gain.

Live Stock Facts

It's a live farmer that believes in live stock.

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Polled or dehorned cattle are usually preferred for market production.

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Dehorned cattle are more quiet and cause less disturbance in the feed lot.

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It is safe to say that $1 in the production of 100 pounds of beef can be saved by using silage.

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Horses cannot stand up to hard work on a light grain ration, which forces them to eat too much hay.

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Sheep will do an efficient job of getting the most out of soy beans if they are given free access to them.

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Cattle with horns require more shed room as well as more space at the feed trough and hay rack.

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It isn't enough to water the hogs two or three times per day. Drinking water should be kept before the hogs all the time.

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Feed crops in abundance are available this year as a feed for live stock. Provision should be made to keep the feed in good condition. A silo is the best means of storing green feed for future use.

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THROUGH A WOMAN'S EYES

By JEAN NEWTON

Look Not Upon His Stature

One of my young friends writes me about a problem which, though really old, is ever new to the one into whose life it comes.

She had been undecided between two young men. Then suddenly her doubts cleared and she knew.

The good looking one of more prepossessing appearance had revealed himself as selfish and egotistical. He told her he loved her, but she discovered he could love no one better than he loved himself.

And this revelation helped her, she says, to appreciate the real value of the other man whose fine character and real devotion had earned her admiration and respect, and now she knew her love.

She loves him in spite of his unimpressive manner, in spite of his plainness, in spite of the fact that he is half a head shorter than she.

She knows that his modesty cloaks not only an admirable character, but a mental calibre which must work its way to success. Indeed, she says, he has already known more success than his flashing and conceited rival.

But—"It's the impression he makes. He looks so insignificant, and my friends, thinking that I have not yet decided, do not hesitate to tell me so. Unfortunately I am tall, and this makes all the more conspicuous his small stature and—it is true—his insignificant appearance. My family and my friends say if I married him I would always be conscious of this and would not be happy. Do you think I am making a mistake?"

No!

With all my heart I say to you and to all other girls whose better sense may be waging a like battle with superficiality and false standards—No! Your only mistake is in weighing in the same scales with honor, manliness, worth and true devotion such flimflam as the impressiveness of a man's appearance or the manner of a cavalier.

Certainly, all other things being equal, it would be very nice if we could all be Dianas or Apollo Belvederes. But to choose between such and substantial things!

You are not going to live with an appearance, but with another character and heart. These are the substance that will control, in a great measure, your future happiness. Therefore you must think of them—not of the shell.

Good looks would make a poor substitute for a mentality to pal with yours. If you are at all exacting, they would hardly satisfy your longing for companionship; and as a steady and exclusive diet they are quite likely to pall.

A handsome head will not take the place of the heart that would cherish you or the character that would provide for you and sustain and comfort you in dark as well as in sunny days.

And when you are married a devoted glance from your husband is worth more than his ability to charm other men's wives. Then it is his real self and his attitude to your real self that will count—nothing more.

You are marrying for your happiness—not to impress your friends.

Take the real man who has inspired your love, little girl, and much happiness to you!

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LOOT!

BY ELMO SCOTT WATSON

The First Buccaneers

OFF the west coast of the island of San Domingo lies another little dot of land on the blue waters—Tortuga or Turtle island. Insignificant as this island is, it is important historically because it gave to history one of the most notorious types of pirate and to the English language the word "buccaneer."

Early in the Seventeenth century Tortuga was colonized by the French but the colony never prospered. The men who settled there were a reckless, unruly lot and their ranks were augmented from time to time by newcomers from the city slums of other European countries who certainly did not elevate the community's moral tone.

"It was a singular community of savage, surly, fierce and filthy men," writes one historian. "These people went dressed in shirts and pantaloons of coarse linen which they steeped in the blood of animals they slaughtered. They wore round caps, boots of hogskin drawn over their naked feet, and belts of rawhide, in which they stuck their sabers and knives. They also armed themselves with firelocks which threw balls each weighing two ounces.

"The places where they dried and salted their meat were called boucans, and from this term they came to be styled bucaniers, or buccaneers, as we spell it. They were hunters by trade and savages in their habits. They chased and slaughtered horned cattle and trafficked with the flesh, and their favorite food was raw marrow from the bones of the beasts which they shot. They ate and slept on the ground, their table was a stone, their bolster the trunk of a tree and their roof the hot and sparkling heavens of the Antilles."

Although they were harmless enough, if let alone, the Spaniards who owned San Domingo (they called it Hispaniola in those days) were alarmed at the idea of any other nation getting a foothold on their territory and determined to get rid of the wild cattle hunters of Tortuga. So a Spanish expedition drove the buccaniers out, and to make sure they would not return killed the cattle.

Therein Spain made her great mistake. Deprived of their only means of livelihood the bucaniers began joining forces with the other freebooters who were then operating in the West Indies, and the bucaniers became the buccaneers and made their name as great a symbol of terror as the word pirate ever was. The reign of piracy which followed had much to do with weakening the power of Spain in the West Indies and, although France sometimes joined with Spain in trying to wipe out the buccaneers, their efforts were mainly futile. So the buccaneers became an international problem which was not solved for nearly a century.

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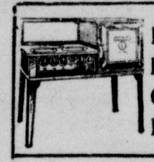

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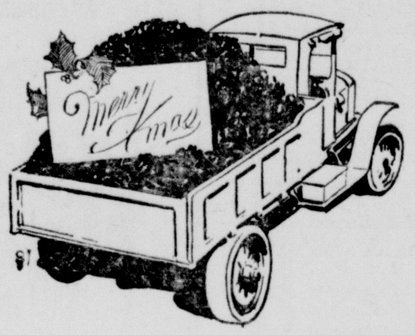

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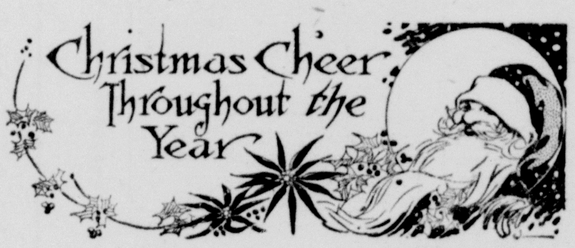

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LIVE STOCK

SIMPLE SYSTEM OF FEEDING PIGS

Swine specialists at the college of agriculture, University of Illinois, have tried out a simple system f feeding suckling pigs which consistently makes 200-pound porkers out of them by the time they are six months old and at the same time keeps the gains cheap and reduces labor to a minimum.

W. E. Carroll, chief of swine husbandry at the college, outlines the system as follows:

"At the pigs come to be three or four weeks old, gradually change the sows to the self-feeder. This has been done on the college farm without danger to either sow or litter. By the time the pigs are four weeks old, the sows may be self-fed, free-choice, shelled corn and a mixture of two parts tankage, one part linseed oil meal and one part alfalfa meal or chopped alfalfa hay. As soon as pasture is available, alfalfa is omitted from the mixture.

"This method is especially good if the sows are to be fattened out after the litters are weaned, for they will begin to flesh up as their milk flow decreases. In cases where the sow is to be rebred immediately for a second litter, this treatment puts her in a thrifty condition for breeding as soon as the pigs are weaned. This is advantageous to both the sow and the second litter.

"With heavy milking sows, some precautions may be necessary at the time the pigs are weaned to prevent udder trouble. Such sows and litters may be taken out of the herd and fed a restricted ration the last few days before weaning time and for a short period thereafter.

"As far as the pigs are concerned, they will have taken to the self-feeder so thoroughly that they will not miss their mothers when they are taken away. The pigs can be continued on this same ration until they are marketed. Experiments have shown that it is about the most effective ration available for growing the fattening pigs. In several tests it has proved even more effective than corn and skim milk for dry-lot feeding."

Water Quite Essential in Production of Hogs

Water is as essential as feed, and perhaps more essential, in the production of hogs on a successful scale, says E. F. Ferrin, in charge of the swine section of the animal husbandry division, Minnesota university farm. A regular supply of fresh clean water is a necessary part of the care to which hogs are entitled. They should have plenty of water to drink three times a day. Two waterings on a hot day are not enough, even though some swine growers follow that practice. The use of automatic devices which furnish water when and where the hogs need it is a satisfactory plan, says Mr. Ferrin, but the pigs will do just as well when watered by hand provided the supply is adequate. Usually the most practical condition is to have running water in the pasture.

Pregnant Sows Require Minerals During Winter

Bred sows need minerals as much if not more than any other class of hogs. This is especially true with those carrying their pigs during the winter months when no pasture is available. Oats are the richest in minerals of our common grains. Alfalfa is laden with lime. But these do not furnish enough minerals. A mineral mixture containing salt, limestone and a phosphorus carrier should be before them at all times. The phosphorus carrier may be spent bone black, acid phosphate or bone meal. A recent recommendation is one part salt and two parts each of limestone and a phosphorus carrier. To each 100 pounds of this, it is suggested to add about five pounds of iron oxide or venetian red.

Comparing Spring and Fall Pigs for Profits

After completing some swine feeding experimental comparisons at the Minnesota experiment station, E. F. Ferrin made the following summary with respect to the comparison of spring pigs with fall pigs:

"Fall pigs are more difficult to raise than spring pigs, but when handled carefully they are at least equally profitable. A greater variety of feeds is necessary to grow fall pigs successfully because green crops are not available. Fall pigs make as rapid gains when well housed and handled as do spring pigs.

It is true that majorities are often wrong, but the same may be said of minorities.—Boston Shoe and Leather Reporter.

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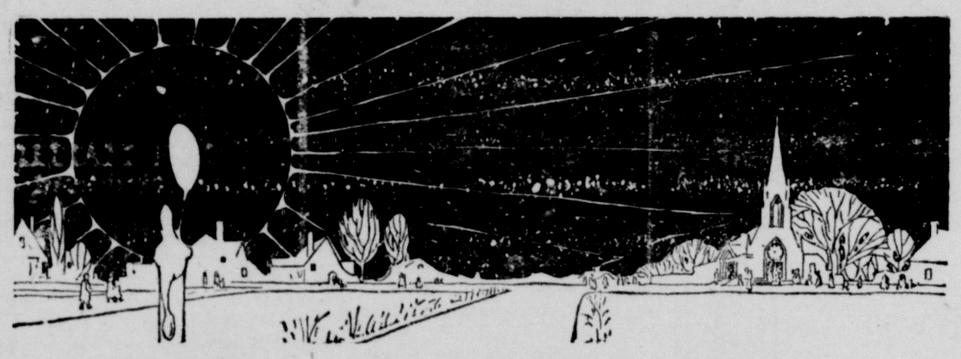

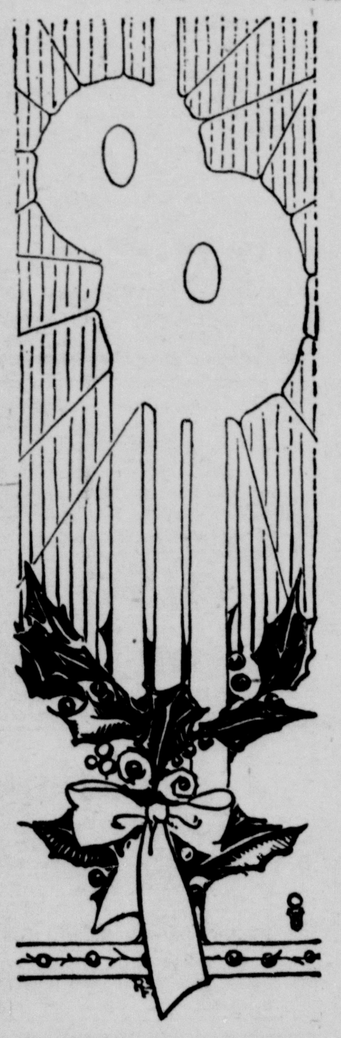

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The AMERICAN LEGION

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RESERVATIONS TIME HAS BEEN EXTENDED

Time in which reservations may be made in the American Legion pilgrimage to France next September has been indefinitely extended by Howard P. Savage, national commander of the Legion, following urgent requests from the field. The reservations will be accepted and handled to a date as near as possible to that upon which the big Legion fleet of 24 vessels will shove off for France, it was announced by National Commander Savage. Many factors make it imperative that Legionnaires planning to take part in the France convention pilgrimage should make reservations at the earliest possible moment, said Commander Savage.

"I would not wish any Legionnaire to be barred from revisiting the scenes of the World war and the cemeteries where our comrades lie buried in France," said Commander Savage.

"I cannot, however, urge too strongly that veterans planning to make the September pilgrimage make their reservations at once. There is now a variety of steamship accommodations and housing in Paris from which the veteran may make a selection to suit his taste and pocketbook. The space of the ships is rapidly filling, and some of the liners already have a full quota. Especially is this true of two-berth cabins and accommodations for man and wife.

"Veterans who recognize these conditions and make reservations early will be able to obtain accommodation they desire, while those who wait will have to take what is left," Commander Savage said.

There still remain accommodations with state delegations. The steamship accommodations range in price round trip from $145.80 up on most of the ships, and from $151.50 up on the SS. Leviathan, flagship of the movement. The Legionnaires will be exempt from steamship tax and landing charges if they carry the official American Legion identification certificate. This certificate which will be issued for the nominal sum of $1 to those taking the trip will effect a saving of $20 alone in passport and visa charge if the veteran goes to France alone. Eighteen countries of Europe will accept the Legion certificate in lieu of passport and visa charge.

Fifty per cent reduction in United States, Canadian and French railroads to veterans having the identification certificate have been announced. The British, Belgian, Italian and German railways have likewise announced a substantial reduction in fares to the visiting Legionnaires. Remarkable savings on Paris hotel accommodations due to the fact that contracts were made by the Legion with the hotel men when the franc was low, are announced. Thirty thousand rooms in Paris are under contract.

Post Escorts Pupils on Visit to State Capital

The week after it completed a membership campaign which increased its membership 313 per cent and gave it second place in a state-wide contest, the Harry Howe post of the American Legion of Lynn, Ind., plunged into community service activities, taking the civics classes of Lynn and Spartanburg high schools to Indianapolis to visit the state legislature and state and national headquarters of the Legion.

Forty-five pupils were taken on the trip in automobiles provided by Legionnaires. D. J. Ferguson, principal of Lynn high school and a member of the post, and Raymond Sommers, post adjutant, led the group. Sessions of both houses of the legislature were visited, the pupils being shown how the laws of the state are made. A visit was also paid to the office of Governor Jackson. Later the classes were shown through the state and national Legion headquarters where the work of the Legion was described by John Klinger, adjutant of the Indiana department.

Massachusetts Legion O. K.'s Blue Uniform

Navy blue won in a conference of Massachusetts Legionnaires held in Boston recently on the question of an official uniform for the department. Seven models of uniforms were displayed. The type favored consisted of a blue overseas cap with gold piping and the Legion seal in gold, a single-breasted blue coat with brass buttons, brass numbers showing the wearer's post, brass letters "Mass." on each lapel and a large Legion emblem embroidered on the left shoulder, and blue trousers with a gold stripe down each leg.

Obeying Instructions

"Oh—ah—by the way," remarked the doctor in some embarrassment, "how about that little bill I sent you last month?"

"Oh, yes," agreed the patient airily. "Well, you know you told me not to worry over anything."—The American Legion Monthly.

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If the Literary Digest has any asbestos cards, it might try a straw vote in Dixie.—Jackson (Mo.) Clarion-Ledger.

You can't fool all the people all the time, but the average politician is connected with a sizable majority.—Detroit News.

A Washington policeman was bitten by a pet fox, and the fox died a short time later from unexplained causes.

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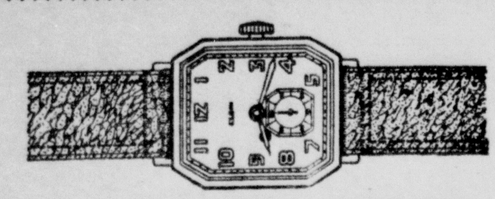

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ART OF BURIAL LIVE SUBJECT IN EGYPTIAN PRACTICE

By Annah Robinson Watson

"What shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" This is by no means a text for a proposed sermon. Far from it, but since the soul has been, from every viewpoint, one of the most potent, as well as the most widely discussed and disputed themes and at the same time the most essential element in life, as well at death and since it is the consciousness of the possession of a soul that has mainly actuated man in the customs and practices of burial, the soul cannot be excluded from such a consideration as the present.

This consciousness may be very vague, the soul though at its best the dominant force, is oftimes submerged, and its recognition by primitive peoples found to be overlaid by imagery, and a crude beauty, but nevertheless with its existence clearly apprehended.

The Indian, who at sunset loosed a captive bird over the grave of his beloved dead, did so with the fancy that the bird would bear upon its wings the liberated spirit to Happy Hunting Grounds.

The disconsolate mourners, who in early days placed their dead in narrow boats and sent them upon lake, river or sea to find their way to the 'Isles of the Blessed", harbored no doubts that such isles, or their equivalent did exist, and that their dear one would abide in them forever.

Doubtless the first man and woman known to us, Adam and Eve, were confronted by a problem. It may be that arcused to the existence of a soul, the gift of Jehovah through the breathing upon them of the breath of life, they may have become, in a sense, cognizant of the mystery of death. Love had flowered in their hearts; the agony of loss had come upon them, and they asked themselves the heart-rending question, "What should they do with their dead?" Their murdered boy lay before them on a meadow slope, the grass of the field his pillow, the winds singing his requiem, the confines of Eden far away. Wherewithal should their their dead be covered from their sight.

But, death soon became a familiar concomitant of life and men, whether through revelation or preconceived conviction, began to take account of their bodies as well as souls and, according to their primitive ideas, to make provision for each during existence after their separation.

Some thousands of years after the accepted date for the existance of intelligent man, we hear of the purchase of a place of burial. It was a cove in a field with trees about it bought from Ephron, the Hittie, for "400 sheckles of silver, current money with the merchants". To this same burial place was Jacob brought from Egypt, after receiving the rites of burial customary there, and long have the eyes of savants been turned to this same cave, the Cave of Macpelah, as the probable receptacle of many wonders of antiquity, there can be no doubt that these will be exhumed in time.

It is not impossible that this cave may contain pre-deluge records which would prove of inestimable value, as bearing upon conditions influencing the life of man in the earliest home of which we know, also of the life of Mesopotamia before the people of Abraham journeyed to the northwest, to Haran. It may not be long before restrictions now preventing entrance of this cave may be modified or removed, and its treasures revealed to the world.

It may safely be asserted that, throughout the ages, respect paid to the dead, and the ceremonials of burial are a trustworthy gauge of the civilization nad enlightment of nations, and among evidences remaining of these ceremonies may be discovered the most reliable facts and data relating to the lives and history of the nations themselves.

Burial in the earth, burning and exposure to the air where birds and beasts aided in disposal of the body, are among the most familiar methods of primitive peoples, but, of all known, the Egyptian elevated the practices connected with burial to the highest plane, and they, more than any other nation, deserve recognition as having made of burial an art. Changes came slowly to the customs and habits of the ancients. Those who have gazed upon the mummied form of a priest who walked the shores of the Nile some thousands of years ago, but now recline in a glass case to be gazed upon by curious crowds among the artistic surroundings of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, will find it ineresting to think that he rceeived the same method of preservation that was accorded Jacob, probably somewhere about 2000 years later.

Interesting, and thought-compelling as these fact may be, the most vital of all is, the certainty that it was the recognition of the soul and its supreme importance which gave rise to Egyptian burial ceremonies. In man instances, the picture on the mummy case was a reproduction of the face of the individual inside; the articles by which it was surrounded were such as the individual had known in life, and which would be immediately recognized by him should he return. There seems to have been absolute belief in the immortality of the soul, and a corresponding effort to preserve the body. The famous 'Book of the Dead' holds this inscription: "The bodies which they have forsaken shall sleep forever in their sepulchers, while they (the soul) rejoice in the presence of God most high".

The priest just mentioned, rivals in antiquity the great King Tutankhamen, so recently signaling to the world across four thousand years, and from the same country, Egypt, from Luxor, more correctly, El Ulvur, one of the group of temples and mausoleums of which El Karnac was the most wonderful. This group is said to have attained its greatest perfecion during he eighteenth and nineteeneth dynasties. The Exodus is supposed to have occurred during the nineteenth dynasty, and the reign of the most powerful of all the Pharaohs, Rameses Sceond, whose exploits fired the muse of the famous Egyptian poet, Pentaur. It was also this monarch to whom the Hittite king brought conditions of submission inscribed upon a silver tablet. It is impossible with the overlapping of dynasties, and the confusion resulting between achievements of each, to declare the author or founder of the tower in this same collection of buildings from which. it is said, the 'Voice of Memnon" greeted the rising sun on each morning; but, among these buildings were the most magnificent of all places of sepulture the world has known.

With the searchlight just now turned upon Luxor, and directed with such strength toward Egypt, there is a weird fascination in taking counsel with fair Artemidora, daughter of Harpocradorus. She lived, and seems to have died, in the Nile country, and when death came spent the 0 days required, in the solemn tarrying place of the dead, from which she came forth in the elaborate mummy case which may be seen today. There is a beauty and dignity in the features, unmistakably Grecian, and one may gaze long upon them, and into the full and purposeful eyes, asking vague questions to which she grants no reply. Like all Egyptian cases, pillars and panels, her coffin is covered with inscriptions, but of her it tells little, her name, and that of her father, and that she died at 27, about 100 years after the birth of Christ, considerably more than a thousand years ago. According to tradition, St. Mark, the apostle, carried the knowledge of Christianity toE gypt, and it is not impossible that she had heard the new Gospel.

Many of the burial panels were evidently portraits, such is that of a youth preserved in the Metropolian Museum of Art. In panels of this period racial changes in population are conspicuous, the pure Egyptian type being comparatively rare.

The art of embaiming, so unquestionably bearing testimony to belief in immorality, was practiced by various nations, and in some countries, such as Peru, soil and climate frequently accomplished a natural embalming, almost as effectual as that produced by artificial processes.

In this country the dead were placed in a sitting posture with faces turned to the west, the supposed abode of the Deity, and of those who were to dwell in the light of His countenance, but the appearance of these mummies, as well as their cases, is much more gruesome and unattractive than those of Egypt. In each country it was the custom to embalm food to be placed with the mummy, fowls of different kinds, easily recognizable today, and with the Peruvian mummies are little sacks of grain, cocoa and corn. This corn has been known to germinate after centuries of burial, as has also wheat found in the mausoleums of Egypt. The Peruvian method of embalming is claimed to be superior to any other, from the fact that the flesh in many insances was wonderfully preserved. Particularly in the case of royal individuals, ancestors of ruling houses, they were dressed in gorgeous regalia, presented at grand functions, and seated at the feasts with sceptre in right hand. So cleverly was this done in the time of the Incas that these royal guests could be recognized by anyone who had known them in life. The historian, De la Vega, and Father Acosta, both bear testimony to this fact. It is further claimed that these embalmed human beings were carried in formal processions and accorded royal honors.

In Peru, as well as in Egyp, there was originally a belief in one all-powerful Divine being. Hymns or prayers are extant that reveal this, such as:

"I adore Him who enables me to endure. I give thanks to Him who has given me strength to endure thus far".

An appropriate thanksgiving this for use among the devout today, and similar declarations are found in many ancient moral tracts, such as the papyrus or Pha-hotep which refers to One God, 'One Supreme Being, self-existent, self-producing, the Creator of Heaven and earth'.

Many of the statues and figures of Egypt represent the kings in attitudes of prayer, of as offering gifts to the gods. Such is that of Thosmes III, supposed to be the builder of the obelisk now in New York City, called Cleopatra's Needle. It cannot fail to enlarge one's mental vision and stimulate his imagination to contemplate such a monument, one upon which, in all probability, Mozes gazed, which was looked upon by Darius, Cambyses Alexander the Great, Mark Antony and Julius Caesar.

Some of the ideas found among the ancient Chinese relating to burial, are marked by a refined and spiritual conception well worthy of note. It was believed among them that the dead returned and held converse with their beloved, though in silence, with no spoken word, and that they were nourished by the fragrance of flowers and the aroma of wine. The crudest and most repugnant customs are perhaps those which obtained in the region of Bombay in more primitive times, such as exposing bodies of the dead upon platforms or stages that beasts or birds of the air might remove them. Among the Hebrews burial in caverns or the earth was the custom, and the devotion and loyalty of Rizaph in watching thru nights and days, with only a bed of sackcloth upon the rocks, near her two sons hanging in mid air, in order to protect them from birds and beasts of prey, has won, through the centuries, admiration and commiseration.

Among the Welsh there was a curious custom of strewing the graves of old maids and of bachelors with thstles, rue and nettles, and in the home where death was present, of turning every mirror to the wall. This was in some way connected in their minds with the departure of the soul, and its separation from the house of clay which had so long been its abiding place. Among both Greeks and Romans the belief prevailed that if the body remained unburied the soul must wander upon the earth 100 years, and for that period be denied entrance into paradise. It is said that Nero was so fearful that this would be the fate of his soul, as the result of the harted felt for him, that he dug his own grave and had it in readiness. His cowardly spirit towards the last was in a constant state of terror, and when political adherents would have hidden him in the Catacombs, he shrank back in horror of the darkness.

The catacombs of different cities and countries have many unique attractions, but those of Rome are of distinctly historic value. In no other are funeral inscriptions given with such minute detail. Date of death, age of individual, occupation, names of parents, and the name of consul presiding at the time, are all included. These great corridors crossing and recrossing were hundreds of miles in length, about six feet high, three feet wide and 50 or 75 feet below the level of the city. At various intervals these passages usually opened into a large vaulted chamber, the private property of some noble family, and decorated with skill and splendor. These chambers were the receptacles of sculptures, paintings, rare vases, bronze statues, and marble sarcophagi, upon the lids of these were chiseled the faces, frequently the figures of those who slept within. Hanging near were lamps of artistic workmanship, which, when lighted,threw a weird and mysterious protest to the invading shadows.

These catacombs were used long before the Christian era, and consequently show many pagan frescoes. paintings and inscriptions, but the most suggestive are those placed there by Christians, which record the tender love of parents to children, of wives and husbands and bear testimony to the fact that affections are the same today as a thousand years ago. These inscriptions might well have been penned yesterday.

"Aurelia: our sweetest daughter, who departed from the world. She lived 15 years and four months. Serverus and Quintius being consuls".

"Here has been laid a sweet spirit, guileless, wise and beautiful, by name Quirace, who lived three years, three months and 18 days".

It seems almost impossible to see the devoted husband whose heart is laid bare in these words:

may it be granted me to behold in

"Grief will always weigh upon me: sleep your revered countenance. My wife, Albana....I grieve, deprived of your support, for our Divine Author gave you to me as a sacred boon".

Gifts For All the Family

We are ready for the Christmas shopper with a wonderful array of appropriate gifts for the entire family. Gifts that can be selected with ease and at attractive and economical prices. Gists that will make every member of the household happy on Christmas day. It you plan to get the most out of your Christmas shopping you will make your lists from these suggestions and come here today.

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LETTER FROM CHAS. HELD

Cleveland, Tenn., Dec. 17, '27

The Sikeston Standard,
Sikeston, Mo.

Dear Sir:

I have enjoyed reading The Standard very much. Am glad to know there is an editor who is not afraid to call white, white and black, black, and show no special favors. Read with very much interest about the Highway controversy and am indeed glad the old Kingshighway was selected. It is the logical route from a financial standpoint, as the road bed is already there and then the traditional history is not to be ignored at all. What would this country be if we ignored all our old traditions, etc., which form a very important part in our country's history? Sikeston is very fortunate indeed to have Mr. Matthews on the Highway Department and I am sure he is trying to do what is best for the country at large, and am confident his few acres bordering the Highway was not considered at all. Mr. Matthews is not that type of man. You and I know when we had th[illegible] type of men, but things in the past ten years are getting different.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas.

Yours Respectfully,
CHAS. HELD,
Chief Eng. So. Cold Storage Co.

EAST ST. LOUIS TERMINAL MOVED TO CAIRO FOR WINTER

Cairo, Ill., December 19.—The East St. Louis Terminal of the Federal Barge line was brought to Cairo today by the tow boats General Ashburn and Minnesota and will be used here during the rest of the winter.

Cairo is the northern head of all-year navigation on the Mississippi River because of the heavy ice that blocks navigation north of this point during the winter months.

The equipment brought to Cairo from East St. Louis includes two track barges, one warehouse barge and one crane barge. The capacity of the Cairo Terminal will be almost doubled by use of the added equipment.

Child, 2, Burned to Death

Poplar Bluff, December 19.—A childish prank caused the death last night of Olive Marie Avance, 2-year-old daughter of Gus Avance, of Poplar Bluff, yesterday. Her 3-year-old brother found some matches while the mother was out of the house. He set fire to the bed, where the child slept. His screams attracted Mrs. Avance, and when she ran into the building, she found her daughter in the middle of the blazing bed.

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FRIDAY MORNING

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The big family dinners on Thanksgiving and Christmas Days are wonderful affairs. It brings us closer together while living and lets our thoughts turn back to the family meetings when our parents were alive. It gives us joy and adds to the span of life to have our children and our grandchildren at the festal board, all trying to talk at the same time. Oh, boy, if you do not have these family gatherings, start with the first one this Christmas and keep them up for years to come. It is sometimes necessary, and is the usual practice, for those of the family who are married, to assist in preparing and serving the dinners thereby making the cost small to each. Most generally a big spread is set, but it is the sentiment connected with the family reunions that count most. At the editor's home this Christmas Day will find Edna and her family absent at their home in Virginia, Catherine, who is in Washington, will spend the day with Edna, Milton and his wife will be in Atlanta, Ga., but Harry and family, Mary and her family, and Ben from St. Louis and David from Columbia, will be home. Dr. Frank Blanton and family will join us, and with Louis Watkins from the country, and our standby, Charles, Jr., who is with us, there will be fuss enough for all, and we trust, provisions enough. We are glad, however, that Christmas comes but once a year.

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Dear Santa Claus: How we wish you could bring a bountiful supply of health to those who are ill. How we wish that you could do this for Clayton Hinkle, who has been so ill for many months. If you could but do this for him, the rest of us would be satisfied without the few worldly things that we wish for. He has been patient all through his illness and wishes for health and strength to be out in the sunshine. The gloom that settles over the home of the sick is hard to bear and if the Great Santa Claus would not forget him and bring hope and cheer to him, it would please us all.

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We are all mighty glad to see the old metal being removed from the old Ford garage site. It has long been an eye sore and for nearly a year the side walk has been obstructed. The next good news about this corner will be that Roscoe Weltecke will improve the site with a nice fire proof building.

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Miss Mildred Fisher of New London, Mo., niece of The Standard editor, will arrive in Sikeston Saturday afternoon of Christmas week for a few days' visit with the editor's family. Her father, J. P. Fisher, is one of the publishers of the Ralls County Record.

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There is no use to wish for our teachers "well filled stockings" for they appear to be all that now, but The Standard does wish them a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. They deserve the best Santa Claus has in his pack for they are the ones who are training the citizens of the future. Sometimes we think our teachers are not appreciated as much as they should be by the public, and are not taken into our homes as much as they should be. One of the resolves of the editor is to take into our home all of these teachers sometime in the spring and let them see just how some editors live sometimes for one meal. We'll have to wait until we can open the yard for the house will not hold all of them at one time we fear. Anyway, we hope to live through the spring until this good intention is carried out. God bless the teachers. We love them all.

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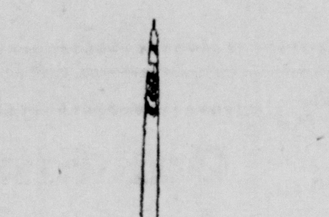
"Let your conscience be your guide", 'Go as far as you like". These are mottoes that Santa Claus can use in his rounds to little folks.

We Greet You With Christmas Cheer



A Time For Sentiment

Christmas Cheer, Happy New Year

WE DO not conduct our business for sentimental reasons nor solicit patronage on any other than the soundest business principles. We believe that in commercial transactions customers prefer honest values, courtesy and promptness and like to trade where their business is appreciated. Therefore do we model our policy along these lines.

But these things rather add to our enjoyment of the beautiful sentiment which permeates the Christmas holidays, for this is a time for sentiment, the tenderest the human heart knows.

All joy to you and yours at Christmastide.

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NORRIS ON HEARST

Not even Mr. Hearst, with his twenty-six newspapers and numerous monthlies, can lightly injure the good name of George W. Norris of Nebraska, the doughtiest member of the United States Senate.

The reputation of the Nebraska Senator, his sturdy character, his nonpartisanship, and his straightforwadrness, are in themselves a sufficient answer to the forged Mexican documents which Hearst first published in his papers and is now trying to defend before a Senate investigating committee. What Hearst has done no member of the Senate would think of doing. Most of those men have at times disagreed with Senator Norris; some of them have clashed with him in bitter parliamentary combat; but none ever ascribed to him a dishonorable motive or weakened his cause by intimating that Senator Norris is not honest.

It took Hearst to do that, and he is already answering for it. The Senator has hurled at the publisher a 3500-word letter in which his judgments are scathing. To Senator Norris the Hearst motive in the matter of the Mexican documents, which allege that $1,215,000 in bribes was paid by Mexico to Senators Borah, Norris, La Follette and Heflin for their friendly attitude toward her, was to involve the United States in war with that country. To Senator Norris it is quite plain from what has come out in the Senate investigation that to have his way in a controversy with Mexico over her new land laws the publisher would involve the peoples of both countries in all the terrible consequences of armed strife.

This is hardly a lighter blow than the one aimed at Senator Norris by Hearst. It is not impossible that an individual with Hearst's immense publicity powers could involve the two countries in war. Few wars have had such an impetus, nor is the motive imputed to him beyond the country's experience with Hearst. The simple fact that he would blacken the names of the four Senators with a story which he says he did not belivee himself shows how journalism has been degraded in his hands. That he would not give these men an opportunity to defend themselves before he published charges that had come to him through the hands of men who represented themselves as thieves, but who probably were forgers, is outside the bounds and practices of journalism everywhere except in the Hearst offices.

There is one point in the Norris letter which ought to convince anybody. It is that Mexico does not have to bribe men like Borah and Norris to win their support. They belong to a group in the Senate which does this sort of thing for nothing. It is their delight to help the under dog. The sympathy which every oppressed nation commands in their breasts is beyond price, nor could an undeserving Mexico buy it. The Mexicans would be fools to pay a million and a quarter dollars for something they already have and have had from the time when Hearst himself was one of their friends.

No more asinine story was ever told, as no more fantastic fiction was ever invented. If Hearst is not ashamed to have impugned the good names of these men, beside which to their type all else is trash, he should be ashamed that his professional judgment of what is credible is so bad as it is.—Post-Dispatch.

Ambassador Of Good Manners

Col. Lindbergh went to two bullfights. That is his answer to the busybodies who tried to persuade him to insult a country and a people that have recognized him with every hospitality and homage.

It is an excellent answer—just about the best possible, and as such might be called typically Lindberghian. For this young man is the eighth wonder of the world. His experience is, of course, without parallel. Never was another youth so tested by the adulation of the crowd and the deference of the mighty. He has acquitted himself incomparably. He has never come within radio distance of a faux pas. If anywhere under the shining sun there is an individual who needs neither a social nor a moral cicerone, Lindbergh is that man.

It is fortunate, beyond compute, that this unique American eagle should have been endowed with such a wealth of talents. He has needed them all, and never, perhaps, was the need greater than in the present instance. An occasion which, it is hoped and believed, will prove a landmark in the relations between Mexico and the United States, might well have been distorted into a rancid memory had Lindbergh been influenced by the miserable counsel of officious impertinence.

Lindbergh has already been commissioned as the Ambassador of Good Will. We presume to confer another distinction—Ambassador of Good Manners.—Post-Dispatch.

Mr. and Mrs. Arden Ellise and babe of Little Rock, Ark., will arrive in Sikeston to spend the holidays with Arden's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy V. Ellise.

Regretable as may be the effect on the feelings of the other three United States Senators wrongfully mentioned in the Hearst scandal, few will deplore the personal suffering it may bring Senator Thomas Heflin of Alabama. It is paying him back in his own coin. Reckless charges made under the immunity the constitution grants a senator speaking in the Senate are Heflin's stock in trade. Anybody who disagrees with him or does anything that may have been the direct cause of some event displeasing to Heflin is branded as the hired tool of some sinister interest. Just the other day Senator Heflin was demanding that Secretary Jardine resign or that the president remove him, together with Lloyd S. Tenny, head of the agricultural department's bureau of agricultural economics, because a cotton report, in the senator's opinion, aided Wall Street gamblers. He asserted his own belief that "Tenny got money for the betrayal of the cotton producers". As a matter of common sense and common decency, Heflin knows that the cotton planters were not betrayed by Tenny and that he got no money for any work he did, except from the government. Heflin did not have anything but foul suspicion on which to base his "belief". When challenged in court, because of his immunity. Any loss of sleep Senator Heflin may suffer as a result of the Hearst sensation will cause no sorrow among the victims of the reckless Albama's own methods.—Poplar Bluff Republican.

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"Gentlemen may prefer blondes" says Flapper Fannie, 'but we all look alike in the dark".—Post Dispatch.

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Miss Effie Sellards will arrive in Sikeston this week to spend Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Sellards.

Mrs. H. W. Baker left last weekend for Memphis, Tenn., whree she will visit with her so nand his family for a month or six weeks.

THE CHRIST CHILD

Minnie Sayers Smith

There the babe of Mary's bosom,
Angels hov' ring o'er His head,
Scintilating heavenly radiance,
O'er the lowly manger bed.

Mary knelt in holy reverance,
Worshiping her saintly Lord,
Instrument of holy patience
To fulfill His sacred word.

Dark the path, so sad and lonely
While on earth our Lord did roam,
Then the light of spiritual glory,
Angels chorus, God, and Home.

Mrs. Earl Johnson is on the sick list this week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Matthews, Jr., will entertain with a family dinner Christmas day. Covers will be laid for Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Corrigan, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Corrigan, William, Susanna, Elizabeth, James and Margaret Corrigan, all of Poplar Bluff; Mr. and Mrs. Jos. L. Matthews and sons, Joe, Jr., and Robert, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Matthews and children, Olga and Edward, Mr. and Mrs. Murray Phillips of New Madrid, Charles Matthews III, and Mrs. Betty Matthews.

It looks as though the wish for the completion of the State Highway System is getting beyond control of those who wish the pay-as-you-go plan, or the $60,000,000 plan, and will go as high as as $120,000,000 unless a compromise is effected. The $60,000,000 will probably complete the road siystem as now laid out in 4 to 6 years, but will not link up the farm-to-market system as desired. Then the claim of the cities is not without merit, and as they pay most of the bill, should be given consideration. They claim the present arteries leading into the cities are insufficient which causes congestion that forces a snail pace within 25 miles of the cities, because of the narrow roadbed. The Automobile Club of Missouri is sponsoring the $120,000,000 bond issue, while the State Highway Commission has recommended the $60,000,000 proposition. Governor Baker, Sen. A. L. McCawley, and other prominent citizens, are asking for a compromise of some sort that all may back the one proposition, as it seems like the entire State wants good roads and wants them now.

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We are in hopes, too, that Santa Claus will leave wads and gobs of encouragement for the farmer, for he certainly needs it. Encourage him to farm differently from what he has been, and encourage him to live off the farm and not out of paper bags and tin cans. Encourage him to refuse the dictates of the landlord and to stand up for his own rights and to be free to plant and raise just what he pleases, just so he pays the rent. Encourage him to refuse to sign any lease that places him in surfdom. Better encourage him to jump in the river than be a slave. And might we ask, too, Santa Claus, to put the pep into landlords to let their land lay idle in prefernece to taking on their land any sort of a farmer who is unable to partially finance himself and likely to prove a failure. If these two parties can get together on a live-and-let-live plain, there will be less grumbling among farmers which will greatly help land values. This may be a curious thing to ask of Santa Clause, but Southeast Missouri needs a new understanding between landlord and tenant.

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When the good people of Sikeston make the rounds to aid those in distress through sickness, lack of employment or for other reasons, please do not overlook our colored folks who may be suffering from the lack of fuel or clothes. Where it is possible, work should be found for those able to work in order that the assistance will not pauperize them. We have to stand together as one big family and help those who are less fortunate.

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The editor came near getting Col. Couey in bad before his family Thursday morning by asking him if he was "keyed up" for Christmas, when the Colonel thought we said "teaed up"! As several were present when the remark was made this explanation is made public.

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The time that is like pulling eye teeth is fast approaching. It is the first of the month when we have to settle for the many things we purchased so liberally on credit to give away to make other people happy, oh, misery, oh, h.

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There will be but one issue of The Standard appear Christmas week, unless something of a startling nature appears, and that will be Thursday afternoon. The editor and office force need the rest and the readers will get a rest.

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Just on the eve of Christmas, the editor wishes to say that he feels kindly toward the masses as well as the asses and wishes all of them a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

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SENATORS CLEAR OF GUILT REPORT OF INVESTIGATORS

Washington, December 19.—After the letter of Senator George W. Norris (Ind.-Rep.) of Nebraska, excoriating W. R. Hearst for publication of alleged Mexican documents reflecting on the honor of four United States Senators, was read in the Senate this afternoon, four of the five members of the Special Senate Committee named to investigate the Hearst charges, individually reported to the Senate that no evidence had been found to connect the four named Senators in the remotest way with the "documents".

The committee members who exonerated the four Senators were Robinson of Arkansas, Democratic leader; Johnson of California (Rep.) Bruce of Maryland (Dem.) and Jones of Washington (Rep.). Chairman David A. Reed (Rep.) of Pennsylvania was out of Washington on a duck hunt.

Senator Robinson declared that it would be unjust to wait until after the holidays to remove the cloud of suspicion that had been put on the four named Senators.

"The evidence discloses conclusively that neither the Senator from Idaho, Mr. Borah; the Senator from Nebraska, Mr. Norris; the Senator for Wisconsin, Mr. LaFollette or the Senator from Alabama, Mr. Heflin, received one dollar or has been tendered one cent in connection with these "documents", Robinson declared.

"All who are concerned in finding the truth concede that these Senators stand uncorrupted and incorruptible. Hearst's sin is not so much that he inconsiderately published "documents" involving Senators who were guiltless, but that he fails to undo, through his agencies of publicity, the wrong he has done.

Senator Johnson of California told the Senate that there never had been and never would be the slightest scintilla of evidence to connect the four Senators in any way, shape or form with the charges made by Hearst. The California Senator declared there was never any justification for printing the documents referring to the Senators, and that the committee would continue its investigation to ascerain what credence should be given the other charges made by the Hearst papers.

"We will determine whether all these documents are forged and spurious", Johnson promised.

Senator Bruce of Maryland said that, while he differed with the four named Senators on many public questions, he knew them to be "irreproachable", unassailable and incorruptible"

He joined with Robinson and Johnson in declaring them guiltless of any faintest connection with the Hearst "documents".

The same thought was forcibly expressed by Senator Jones of Washington, who said there was not a single shred of "evidence against the four Senators. He was glad he said, to join the other Senators in their encomiums on the four.

"It takes years to build a reputation that will stand the constant beating of the white light of publicity. One who has accomplished that aim has achieved something worth while, something valuable beyond price. There are sufficient instances founded upon fact to undermine the public confidence in officials of the Government. Whenever the public believes that men who serve them are corrupt, that opinion will reflect itself in revolution, in processes of destruction.

"It is right and proper that corruption should be exposed and scourged from public life. It is a pity that Hearst, with his newspapers extending coast to coast, has not employed them to expose corruption that is known to exist. It is a pity that a mighty genius that has amassed millions should seek to establish his renown by trying to bring dishonor upon men who are pure and honest".

Papers from files of offices in Mexico City may be sought by the special Senate investigating committee in its check against documents supposed to have been taken from there purporting to show that a fund was provided for four United States Senators.

This possible move was given as one reason for the postponement of further hearings by the committee until December 27. After a long conference with Under-Secretary Olds of the State Department, the committee sent out for additional papers, declining to give details of its quest.

Opening a widespread secret inquiry after three days of open hearings, Senator Reed (Rep.) Pennsylvania, chairman of the special committee, announced that the committee had reached no conclusion as to the genuineness of the documents which were published in Hearst papers.

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Local and Personal

Miss Ruby Evans will spend Christmas with homefolks at Rocheport, Mo.

Mr. and Mrs. Hal Galeener will entertain with a family dinner Christmas day.

W. T. Jones and M. G. Gresham were business visitors to New Madrid, Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Matthews, Jr., returned from a short visit to Memphis, Monday evening.

Mrs. Ralph Carson of Charleston was the guest of Mrs. Emory Matthews Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Bandy of Charleston are spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Albert Shields.

Lynn Smith arrived Tuesday from Columbia to spend the holidays with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. H. L. Smith.

Joe Hunter Allen of St. Joe will join his wife and little son here the last of this week to visit for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Burns and little son will spend Christmas with Mrs. Burns' parents, at Cape Girardeau.

Misses Nell Yanson and Hontis Lee and Herschel Tyre of Cape Girardeau are spending the holidays with their parents.

Mrs. Tom Allen and little daughter will leave Sunday night for a ten days' visit with her parents in Columbia, Mo.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Barrett will go to Doniphan Christmas afternoon and spend the night and Monday with Mr. Barrett's mother.

Mrs. Josephine Veith, of the high school faculty, will spend the Christmas holidays at Diehlstadt, as the guest of her brother.

Jim Derris arrived from Alton, Ill., the first of the week, to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter E. Derris.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Matthews of Portageville and G. W. Van Lear of Charleston will be Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Emory Matthews.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Young and family will spend Christmas Day in Poplar Bluff as the guests of Mrs. Young's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Penny.

There will be a family gathering at the home of Mrs. Ella Old on Christmas Eve. A Christmas tree and gifts for the children will be in order.

H. J. Welsh was called to Morehouse Tuesday, to prepare the body of James Twitty, who died from wounds after being stabbed last Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Brady, located at Camden, Ark., are expected Thursday to spend the holidays with Mrs. Brady's mother, Mrs. Mary Griffith and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Bowman will entertain for Christmas dinner: Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Cox and son, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Matthews and children and E. C. Wilson of Dexter.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Old and children of Memphis, Tenn., and Mrs. Hattie E. Legg of Portland, Ore., will arrive Saturday and spend Christmas with the former's mother, Mrs. Ella Old.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Gipson and family of Springfield, Mo., will arrive the last of the week to spend the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Gipson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Young.

Lacy Hamby of Detroit, Mich., who has been visiting his brothers, W. L. Hamby and Lem Hamby, in the Morley neighborhood, spent Monday in Sikeston with Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Barger.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Allen are expecting the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Britton, her grandfather, H. E. Collins, Raymond Britton, Vera and Ruth Britton, all of Cairo, to spend Christmas day with them.

Paul Denman of Florida, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Denman of De Moines, Ia. and Dr. and Mrs. Ancel Bomer and babe of Poplar Bluff will be guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Denman for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Tanner and Miss Myra Tanner will have the following guests for dinner Christmas Day: Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Barrett, Mr. Barrett, of Cape Girardeau, Mr. and Mrs. Randol Wilson and children, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Dorsey, R. D. Wilson and Mrs. L. D. Candry of Gillespie, Ill.

With keen appreciation of your good will and patronage and best wishes for a Cheery Christmas and a Happy New Year

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CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT ST. FRANCIS XAVIER'S CHURCH

Masses at St. Francis Xavier's Church will begin with a High Mass at Midnight.

The unusual program will include Christmas carols, processional, Silent Night, Holy Night, Grunber, Kyrie, Gloria and Credo from Battman's Mass in F.

Offetory Venito Adoremus Gilsinn The Sanctus, Benedictus and Agnus Dei will also be from Battman's Mass in F.

Communion, Adeste Fidelis

Recessional, Night of His Birth.

Low Mass at 7:30. Christmas carols sung by children's choir.

High Mass at 8. The Mass music will be the same as the Midnight Mass program.

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament after 8 o'clock Mass:

Salutaris—Wallace.

Tantum Ergo—Rosewig.

The choir is composed of the following: Mrs. F. L. Schorle, Mrs. H. C. Blanton, L. B. Adams, the Misses Bertha Welter, Eulah Frazier, Nellie Kolsick, Agnes Hunter, Laura Lee Hunter and E. F. Schorle.

WOMANS CLUB MEETING

The Woman's Club of Sikeston held their regular meeting on Tuesday, December 20, at the home of Mrs. J. R. Harper on Kingshighway, with a goodly number in attendance. Mrs. J. L. Brown was welcomed into the Club as a new member.

A splendid report of the organization of Sikeston Federated Charities, was given by Mrs. C. C. White.

After the regular business session an interesting program on Public Welfare, in charge of Mrs. G. A. Dempster, assisted by Mesdames C. C. White and L. L. Contazer, was given. Mrs. Contazer who has charge of the music for the Club, led in the singing of two Christmas carols, and Miss Helen Hess delighted the guests with a Christmas solo, "Calm and Still".

A nice sum was received from the Club members, this being self-denial dollars which will be used for the Sikeston Federated Charities.

After the program the guests enjoyed a social hour, at which time the hostess, assisted by Mrs. L. B. Adams, served delicious refreshments.

The next meeting of the Club will be held at the home of Mrs. W. E. Hollingsworth with Mrs. Arch S. Russell as leader. Mrs. Russell will use for her subject, "Legislation".

The Lutherans will have services Sunday morning with a short children's program at 10:30. The public is invited.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Anderson and son, Bobbie, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Applegate and children and Mrs. Emma Kendall will spend Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. Tillman Anderson of Commerce.

The following left Tuesday for Kennett, where they were joined by A. W. Robertson and enjoyed a squirrel and coon hunt: S. H. Clelland, Mr. Phillips, J. L. Brown, Harold Trowbridge, Bill Sikes, Ned Matthews and Don Ruthers.

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HIGHWAY COMMISSION AND AUTO CLUB AT OUTS ON BOND ISSUE

St. Louis, December 21.—The State Highway Commssion, which recommended a $60,000,000 road bond issue and the Automobile Club of Missouri which recommended at $120,000,000 bond issue, were unable yesterday to get together on any compromise basis and the whole controversy was laid over for two weeks when negotiations will be resumed at meetings of the directors of the club and of the commission to be held in St. Louis.

The chief point of contention rests upon the question of prohibiting, in the constitutional amendment to be submitted to the voters, any further increases in the gasoline tax and the automobile license fees. The Automobile Club of Missouri favors this restriction. The Highway Commission is unwilling to write this into its proposed amendment, although its members are of the opinion that further increases will not be necessary.

There are other points of difference, but this is the vital one.

Roy F. Britton, president of the Automobile Club, said its directors feel that automobile owners, who now pay annually more taxes for gasoline and automobile licenses than all other taxpayers of the state, should be given the assurance they will not have to bear any additional burden.

Britton, John Malang and the other directors and officers of the club contend the receipts from those two sources are ample to take care of a $120,000,000 bond issue without an increase and to leave over a sizeable surplus from year to year.

Negotiations between the commission and the club began yesterday morning, when the club's directors appointed Britton, Anthony A. Buford of Ellington and Lloyd Stark of Louisiana as a committee to confer with the commission.

A conference was held but did not get further than a general discussion. The chief subject discussed was the proposed limiting of automobile license fees and the gasoline tax to their present figure.

Britton and his associates reported back at 3:30 to the club's directors' meeting in his office at the Bell Telephone Building. The commission held its session at the Mayfair Hotel. Three commissioners were present, these being C. D. Matthews, chairman, and Commissioners McGrew and Brownlee.

The commission's tentative plan provides for the expenditure of $7,328,000 in relieving the congestion at the doorway to St. Louis, and $3,195,000 at Kansas City. This is to be accoomplished under the plan proposed through the widening of existing roads and the building of additional ones.

To relieve the St. Louis traffic congestion the commission in its plan proposes the following:

Bulding of a road from Baden to the proposed West Alton bridge at Fort Bellefontaine.

Widening No. 40 from St. Charles to St. Louis.

New road from the junction of No. 61 and No. 40, four tracks wide, to St. Louis, probably coming in over Olive Street road. This contemplates a new bridge across the Missouri.

Widening of Manchester road from Ballwin to St. Louis.

New road to follow the Big Bend road to Pacific and thence through Franklin County to the junction of No. 47 and No. 66.

Widening Gravois road to House Springs with a new road from House Springs to De Soto.

Completion of the St. Louis Belt Highway, along Denny road.

The most expensive of the St. Louis traffic congestion problems under the figures submitted by State Highway Engineer Cutler was for the construction of the Wentzville to St. Louis new four-track road. The estimated cost of that project was $3,329,000.

It will take $599,000 to complete the Denny road belt line project, the commission having previously made a refund of $911,000 for that work. These figures and the whole plan is subject to revision.

The commission proposes under its $60,000,000 plan to spend $14,792,000 in Kansas City and St. Louis traffic congestion projects and the building of roads to the state parks and in the connecting up of the blind ends of the present system.

This would leave about $43,000,000 for the completion of the state road system, and the payment of refunds to counties. These refunds amount to about $10,000,000.

The Kansas City traffic congestion projects include the widening of No. 71 from Kansas City to Belton, in Cass County; of No. 50 to Lee's Summit; No. 40 to Grain Valley; No. 24 to Independence; building a connection between Liberty and No. 71; new road to Lee's Summit, starting at a point east of Independence and extending to Liberty.

State Highway Engineer Cutler in explaining the plan to the directors of the Automobile Club, said it contemplates the completion of the state road sysem of 7640 miles by 1933; the building simultaneously of the roads to the state parks and other roads necessary to connect up the system, and the building of the projects for St. Louis and Kansas City to relieve their congestion.

Under the plan all surplus in gasoline and automobile license taxes above sinking fund interest, maintenance and administration requirements are to be diverted to the fourteen counties for the construction of farm-to-market roads. He said this surplus by 1937 should amount to $33,000,000 under the present rate of increase.

Cutler said the work of building farm-to-market roads could begin in the latter part of 1933 or 1934 and could go on from year to year as the money was allotted.

Each county an equal mileage of each county an equal mileage of farm-to-market roads, and to allot such an amount of money to each county as seems necessary to build them. Cutler said under the plan each county would get about thirty miles of such roads ultimately.

The Automobile Club, under its plan, proposed to allot $60,000,000 of the $120,000,000 to the completion of the State road system, the payment of county refunds and the building of the roads to the state parks, and the remaining $60,000,000 for building farm-to-market feeders to the state highway system. Britton estimated this would build about 4000 miles of such roads.

Cutler said it will require about $117,000,000 to complete the present system of roads, including the $10,000,000 of refunds to counties and the expenditures made in 1927. Part of this sum comes from federal aid, for which provisions have been made by Congress until 1931.

Its plan proposes the issuance of the first $15,000,000 of the $60,000,000 in 1930, a like amount being issued each year thereafter until the $60,000,000 had been issued.

After a final conference held with the commission at the Mayfair, Britton announced the Automobile Club still is of the opinion the restriction against the further increase of the automobile licenses and gasoline tax is vital to the success of any road bond proposal. He said to get the support of the automobile owners it is necessary to give them this assurance. The gasoline tax now is 2 cents a gallon.

Lou Lozier, counsel for the commission, will prepare its amendment and submit the final draft at the next meeting.

THREE MOTORBUS LINES GRANTED STATE LICENSES

Jefferson City, December 20.—Three motor bus licenses were issued today by the State Public Service Commission. One of these went to the Gregory Bus Lines, Inc., to operate as a motor carrier on Highway No. 61, from the Arkansas State line to Sikeston, Scott County, serving the intermediate towns of Steele, Caruhersville, Hayti, Portageville and New Madrid.

Another was issued to W. R. Shannon to operate between Springfield and Hollister over Highway No. 55.

The third was issued to Wm. H. Cook of Carl Junction, to operate between that place and Joplin.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Rev. E. B. Hensley will preach his farewell sermon at the Christian church Sunday morning. The evening service will be an illustrated lecture on the story by Van Dyke of the Other Wise Men.

You are cordially invited to attend.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Christmas program of the Presbyterian church for the children will be held at the church Friday evening at 7:00 o'clock.

There will be Sunday school at 9:45 o'clock Sunday, but no church service on Christmas Day.

Miss Maude Adams is spending the Christmas week-end with homefolks in Canalou.

Lyman Fox came in from Atlanta, Ga., Wednesday, to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Fox.

LOST—Between 30 Kathleen Avenue and the Shoe Factory, white gold watch chain and charm. A picture inside and name "Ted" engraved on outside. Finder please return to The Standard office and receive reward. 1tpd

Henry Hunter Skillman and Vernon Skillman of St. Louis, will arrive Saturday to spend the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Skillman.

Elmer Hake, land owner; Lee Friend, real estate agent; Bert Hall and T. W. Jankowski, all of Nashville, Ill., visited Dr. and Mrs. R. B. Edwards, Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Himmelberger of Morehouse are the proud parents of a little son born Thursday, December 22, at 12:30, in the Cape Girardeau hospital.

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Another thing, Santa Claus, that we are going to ask to be put in the Missus' stocking, is a dozen cups and saucers, every one to have a handle on it and free from chips and cracks. None of them need be mustache variety that used to be the favorite gift at Christmas time.

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The matter of deferring action in circuit court on the Malone Avenue extension until the March term of Court, doesn't mean so much as it looks. That is but a few months off and the preliminaries can be gotten ready in time for the contractor on Highway 61 south from Sikeston to put down before he starts on the long slab to New Madrid. The only thing that could have been done at this time would have to move back the houses and fences.

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Wylie Wilkerson will go to Memphis, Tenn., the latttr part of the week to visit his father for a day or two.

Mrs. Earl Pate and Miss Sara Malone will entertain with a bridge dinner at the Hotel Marshall Tuesday evening at 7:00 o'clock.

Mesdames John Fisher, Murray Klein, Loomis Mayfield, Ada Lennox and Miss Mayme Marshall were visitors to Cairo, Wednesday.

The ladies of the Catholic church realized about $82 at the bazaar held last Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. E. F. Schorle on Trotter St.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Young, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Huters and Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Sands of Cape Girardeau will be hosts to Sikeston friends at a dance at the Country Club at Cape Girardeau, Monday evening.

Sikeston High School News

By Hallie Carey

The basketball schedule for this season is as follows:

DECEMBER 22—Diehlstadt here.
JANUARY 6—Charleston there.
13—Caruthersville there.
20—Dexter there.
27—Charleston here.
FEBRUARY 3—Girls at Fulton. Boys at Cape.
10—Caruthersville here
17—Dexter there.
22—Boys' Tournament.
MARCH 2—Bluff here.
9—Girls' Tournament.

Rev. E. B. Hensley, who is soon to depart from Sikeston, bade us a farewell during assembly period Wednesday and told us a very beautiful Christmas story.

Mrs. Calvin Greer is spending a few days at Excelsior Springs, Mo.

Miss Anita Winchester will entertain with a dinner bridge at her home on Tanner Street, Friday evening at 7:00 o'clock.

DEATH OF MRS. BERT SWINNEY, TUESDAY

Mrs. Ethel Swinney, wife of Bert Swinney, passed away at the home of her father, Mr. Hatfield, about three miles in the county, Tuesday, December 20, at the age of 32 years and 9 months.

Mrs. Swinney had been ill with tuberculosis for the past 18 months, which was the cause of her death.

Mrs. Swinney was married to Bert Swinney about six years ago.

Funeral services were held Wednesday. Interment in Memorial Park Cemetery.

The Standard joins their many friends in extending sympathy to the bereaved family.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Crooks of St. Louis will spend Christmas in Sikeston with their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Phelps, of Fulton, Mo., are here to spend the holidays with relatives.

Mrs. Martha Kelly and daughter, Miss Pavia Kelly, of Chicago, are the guests of Mrs. Dan Reed and daughter, Mrs. Ruth Malone, for the holidays.

L. L. HUNTER HOME AT MORLEY BURNED

On Tuesday evening, about 7:00 o'clock, the home of L. L. Hunter at Morley was discovered on fire and was completely destroyed, with all contents. The fire was caused from a defective flue and the second story was a mass of flames before it was discovered by the family who were in the living room down stairs.

Nothing of any value was saved as the family barely had time to escape. All out buildings, excepting the coal house, were burned. About $6500 insurance was all that was carried which does not near cover the loss.

RAYMOND MARSHALL HOME AT BLODGETT BURNS

Wednesday afternoon, while Mrs. Marshall was in Sikeston shopping, the Marshall home was totally destroyed by fire. Some of the furniture was saved and the out buildings.

The Standard has been unable to ascertain the amount of insurance carried on the property.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall had only recently moved to this property.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Huters will spend Christmas Day in Cape Girardeau.

Mr. and Mrs. John Simlar, who have been on the sick list for several weeks are improving.

John Sikes will leave for Springfield, Mo., Thursday to spend the holidays with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. O. W. McCutchen of Blytheville, Ark., were business visitors the first of the week.

Mrs. E. W. Davis, who has been quite ill at the home of Mrs. Chas. Frank, is slowly improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Murray Phillips of New Madrid will spend the Christmas holidays with relatives in Sikeston.

J. H. Galeener will arrive from Texas, Friday night or Saturday, to spend the holidays with his family.

Edward Fuchs arrived from Webster Grove to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Fuchs.

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Sadler, Elmer Sadler of Little Rock, Ark., Lorene Sadler of Enid, Okla., Louis Sadler of Malden will be guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wylie Wilkerson Christmas Day.

Misses Mabel Smith, Thelma and Velma Reed of Poplar Bluff will arrive Monday and be the guests of Miss Ilene Griggs, who is making her home with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jones.

David Blanton will arrive from Columbia Christmas morning and J. Ben Blanton of St. Louis, will arrive Saturday to spend the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Blanton.

Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Anthony and little daughter left Thursday for St. Louis, where they will visit for a few days before continuing their journey to Lafayette, Ind., where they will spend Christmas with the former's mother and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Graham will have Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lindley and son, Charles Graham, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Foley and son of Cape Girardeau, and Mrs. John Graham and family of Matthews Christmas Day and will enjoy a family dinner.

Insurance adjustors on Wednesday settled for the fire damage on the L. R. Bowman residence for $1792. The damage was not near so great as first believed. The Dr. A. L. Stepp damage was placed at $1079, while the damage at the Bob Israel house in Chamber of Commerce Addition was allowed $1039.

Notice of Stockholders' Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the annual stockholders' meeting of the Peoples Bank of Sikeston will be held at its banking house in the City of Sikeston, Missouri, on the 3rd day of January, 1928.

Said meeting will be convened at 9 o'clock a. m. and continued during at least three hours, unless the object for which such meting is called be accomplished sooner.

The purpose for which this meeting is called is to elect 7 directors for the said bank, to serve during the ensuing year, and for the transaction of any other business which may properly come before the meeting.

F. M. SIKES, President.

Attest:
R. F. Anderson, Secretary.

Notice of Shareholders Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the 15th annual shareholders' meeting of the Sikeston Building and Loan Association will be held in the Chamber of Commerce rooms in the City of Sikeston, Missouri, on the 31st day of December, 1927.

Said meeting will be convened at 7 o'clock p. m. and continued during at least three hours, unless the object for which such meeting is called be accomplished sooner.

The purpose for which this meeting is called is to elect seven directors for the said Association, to serve during the ensuing year, and for the transaction of any other business which may properly come before the meeting.

Attest:
W. P. WILKERSON, Secretary.
C. E. BRENTON, President.

"Take off them whiskers —you ain't Santa Claus!"

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We foreget now just who the fellow was who trimmed the Indians out of Manhattan Island for a couple of quarts of rum and some shiny beads.

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Just read the ads. Just listen to the old softtalk. You'd think these birds were going to be unhappy the rest of their lives if by some mischance they sold you a tire at a profit.

We hate to be a kill-joy, but that stuff is the bunk. You know, and we know, that in the tire business as in any other business, Christmas comes but once a year.

WHY NOT BE FRANK?

Maybe we're slow, but we make no pretense of being a 100 per cent philanthropist. We don't try to tell you we're selling tires below cost, and we don't think you expect to buy them that way.

What you want, if you're like other sensible people, is known and reputable merchandise at a fair price—the same fair price that everyone else pays. You buy clothes and shoes and other things on that basis—why not tires?

Well, right or wrong, that's the way we run this business. We sell Goodyear Tires, the best that money can buy. Our prices are based accurately on costs, and our costs are low. The values you get are dependable and good.

There's no guess about those values. They've been tested time and again. As a result, some of the smartest "low cost per mile" buyers in this section, including many business concerns, get tires from us. They've proved by experience and careful figuring that Goodyears are cheapest in the end.

THE BEST BUY FOR YOU

Of course, we could do it the other way. It's no difficult trick to fatten up retail prices on inferior tires in order to "discount" them down so the proposition would look good to you.

But we have no burning desire to make ourselves good fellows at your expense. And we're sure if we tried it, instead of a steadily growin business as we have now, we'd eventually lose both the friendshp and the trade of our customers.

No; we're satisfied the best deal for us is to contiune to sell Goodyear Tires on a legitimate, aboveboard basis, because that is the best deal for you. So we'll keep on doing this, and you do your part by telling the dealer who offers you something for nothing:

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P. B. MARTIN
HENRICO, ARKANSAS

RADIO

Eye-Tuned Set to Control Speaker

Expert Describes Radio Development Rectifying Fading Effects.

A method whereby tuning of the radio is done visually rather than by ear, as at present, and which automatically controls the volume of the loud speaker, so that the maximum volume level can never exceed a certain definite value, was described by Harold A. Wheeler of Johns Hopkins university before the Institute of Radio Engineers at New York.

Not only is distortion eliminated, according to the inventor, but also—and, what is very important—distant signals, which fade rather badly, are controlled automatically, so that the maximum volume level can never exceed a definite value.

Fading signals have heretofore been a drawback to the use of sensitive multistage radio-frequency receivers because of the constantly charging levels of loud-speaker volume. The device described before the Institute of Radio Engineers entirely corrects these difficulties.

The name "audiostat" has been selected for this device by reason of its tendency to maintain the audible intensity at a constant value. However, actual control of intensity level is not accomplished within the audio amplifier system, but rather in one or more of the radio-frequency stages.

These results are obtained through the action of the receiver detector or rectifier, which in turn applies a negative biasing voltage in proportion to the strength of the received signals to one or more of the tubes within the radio-frequency stages.

In this way output volume is maintained at a definite standard. Of course, for the case of fading signals, such a device can only control that signal element which is above the required volume level. Where signals fade to a low value o entirely disappear it is apparent that neither the audiostat nor any other available device can correct the deficiency.

In consequence of the automatic control action it becomes difficult to accurately tune by ear a receiving set equipped with the new improvement. The amplification is decreased as the response to the signal is increased by tuning, and vice versa, so that the point of resonance is indicated by minimum plate currents in the neutralized stages of the radio-frequency amplifier. In other words, tuning is simply accomplished by eye instead of ear through a visual indication of a millimeter connected in the plate circuit of the first tube. This arrangement is employed as a resonance indicator and also to give an indication of relative signal intensities.

More Than One Set on Antenna Not So Good

Hooking up more than one set to the same antenna seriously affects reception. This is a fact apparently not generally know, points out a manufacturer's home organ.

"One at a time is the safe rule," warns the bulletin in this matter, relating the incident of a dealer who called up a distributor complaining of the operation of a receiver. Investigation by a service man resulted in finding out that the dealer had some six or eight sets working on the same antenna.

"While only one set was turned on the others were hooked up on the same antenna," continued the bulletin, "which seriously affected reception. This may be a fact not generally known, but more than one set should not be hooked up to the same antenna at the same time. Such a condition may seriously impair the results of a demonstration."

It would be well for fans to keep this information in mind, also, and the bulletin points out that "a series of switches will permit the demonstration of a number of sets on the part of the dealer using the same antenna, but all the sets except the one on demonstration should be disconnected always from the antenna even though they are not turned on."

RADIO TIPS

When troubled with static noises try an indoor antenna. Use a short piece of wire, running it around the room under the rug or carpet or up around the picture molding.

Carbon resistors are most frequently to blame when a hissing noise comes from the loud speaker. The trouble may be traced to a grid leak or to a plate coupling resister. Sometimes the cause is a corroded contact and most frequently occurs at the positive terminal of the storage battery.

It is necessary to have good tubes to obtain good tone quality in a set. The proper tubes must be employed for the radio frequency, detector and audio functions. Most important of all, a power tube must be employed in the last stage, so as to handle the full volume without apparent forcing. The proper plate voltages and the grid biases, where needed, must be applied on the tubes.

THROUGH A WOMAN'S EYES

By JEAN NEWTON

If You Must Have a Thrill

Is life monotonous for you, and people without interest? Do you complain that things are dull and drab, that you find nothing with a thrill, that humanity has grown quite colorless? Then listen to this item in a day's news:

"Six unnamed London doctors have voluntarily allowed themselves to be inoculated with living cancer germs in certain preliminary tests of the Gye-Barnard theory of the cure for that disease.

"The conclusion involved is that cancer is caused by a certain nonfilterable virus. In that preparation there is a chemical agent which Doctor Gye considers the 'specific factor.' In other words, if this agent can be eliminated the virus is harmless; with it present the virus is likely to cause cancer.

"The experiments to which the six doctors subjected themselves were with a serum from which the 'specific factor' had been eliminated. They were in no real danger if Doctor Gye's theory of the potency of the missing substance was correct. If that theory was wrong, or if Doctor Gye had made a slight miscalculation the subjects might pay for that error in suffering and death. None knew this better than did the physicians who took the risk, but they did not hesitate.

"It is now believed from observation of the subjects of the experiment that Doctor Gye was right in assuming that the preparation deprived of the specific factor would not produce the disease. This leaves the other half of the theory to be proved. To do this it will be necessary to inoculate human beings with virus from which the 'specific factor' has not been removed—in other words, certainty of the dreaded disease. And for this supreme test volunteers have once more offered themselves."

People heroically risking their lives in an emergency, great deeds done under unusual stress when emotions stirred humans beyond themselves—that is the stuff that has supplied the movies with many thrills. Yet how it all pales in the light of the calm and deliberate martyrdom of men who will quietly open their veins to the seeds of a disease which means horrible suffering and death. There's a thrill for you in your safe, guarded "too monotonous" life! There's a splash of color on your "drab" world and "dull" humanity!

Every day, life is being lived to the utmost, raised to the heights, drunk to the dregs.

If you want a cure for your complaint of monotony, read up on the voluntary martyrs of science, the victors over yellow fever, the fathers of the X-ray, the modern crusaders against cancer. If you feel you must have a "change" go to see the slum mother, of whom the papers tell who battled alone to keep her brood of eight from starvation, and who found herself tottering with fever, nursing five of her children who were stricken with pneumonia.

If you want to get a thrill out of your particular lot, a visit to any slum home or any hospital ward will do it. And if you simply must have variety and some added "interest" in your daily life, you might try alleviating some of the misery and the suffering and the real drabness that you can find by taking just a peek into how the other half lives.

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A statistician who has been keeping track of things in that field claims Trotzky has now been exiled three more times than he has died.—Detroit News.

American Legion

All arrangments have been completed for the biggest and best dance of the year. The Christmas dance put on by Henry Meldrum Post No. 114 on December 22nd, tonight, at the Armory, will be a record breaker according to all signs.

A few decorations have been put up and one item deserves special mention. That is the mistletoe. It will be found over each door, and along the ceiling and walls. We hesitate to comment further.

Following the meeting of the Post last night, practically each member who attended, went to the Army and worked in putting up the decorations. Roland Fenton's Paradise Garden Orshestra will be here to put out their usual brand of music. Those who attend are guaranteed a good time and to miss this dance is to have regrets Friday.

The contract for the World War movie and the two reels of the Paris Convention arrived today and will be closed at once. These pictures will be shown here on January 18th, Wednesday. Watch for further announcements about these films which will be well worth seeing.

A membership campaign with three awards was decided upon at last night's meeting, and those present vowed that no eligible member could escape from the Legionaires in their push for members. Credit of 100 points will be given for members who did not belong to this Post in 192 and 25 points for those who did belong in 1927.

The Post voted to assist the Cape Girardeau Post in their work in preparing for the Department of Missouri convention in 1928 which will take place in our neighboring city.

The next Post dance, following tonight's dance, will be in one week. Same place, same orchestra, same price, December 29th.

The five types of clouds are cirrus, stratus, cumulus, nimbus and Balkan war.—Arkansas Gazette.

"Edison hunting for rubber in weeds".—Literary Digest. So he, too, has taken up golf.Virginia-Pilot.

Our corn-surplus problem has been solved. Face powder can be made from corn.—Council Bluffs Nonpareil.

"Joss-stick" makes in Shanghai have struck against a new war tax, and the whole city is incensed.—Manila Bulletin.

Television's greatest contribution to humanity is that it will cause the complee cure of a great many sick friends.—Detroit News.

Anyhow, the Republican party cannot say, "I do not choose". It has to.—Boston Transcript.

"Standard Oil Men Listen to Rockefeller". They'd better.—New York Evening Post.

There Are Many Ways to Say It

But There Is Music in the Words

Merry Christmas

THAT FILLS OUR HEARTS WITH JOY

May the cheery grace of this Christmas day bring the smile of satisfaction to your face and may your activities during the new year be a service to the world and a source of rich revenue to your income.

Accept our thanks for your 1927 business. We want you to continue with us in 1927.

We Will Be Closed All Day Sunday, December 25th Until 5:30 p. m.

Japanese Tea Room

Table Lamps

THE GIFT SHOP
Derris—The Druggist

MAY THE CHRISTMAS BELLS SOUND

Happiness to You and Your Household

O'er every home throughout this peaceful and prosperous nation the benign spirit of Christmas settles like a benediction. Gladness prevails, generous acts and kindness is seen on every hand. How we all welcome the Yuletide days.

In the true spirit of the season we send our greetings to friends and patrons and wish you a New Year that will be better than you have ever before experienced. We thank each of you for business of the past and hope we are privileged to serve you during 1928.

Superior Chevrolet Company
Chevrolet Dealers

HAPPY THOUGHTS

1927

and Cheerful Hours for Christmas

Healthful Days

With an abundance of Wealth and Useful occupation for the New Year

1928

J. SHERWOOD SMITH
County Clerk of Scott County

MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION

Designating Monday, December 26 as Public Holiday

Inasmuch as Christmas falls on Sunday this year, it has been considered advisable by the Sikeston City Council to declare the following day, Monday, December 26, as a Public Holiday.

By authority of the Council, therefore, I, the undersigned Mayor of the City of Sikeston, hereby declare that Monday, December 26, be generally observed as a Public Holiday in this city and that all business houses remain closed during the day, ann as far as possible all our citizens refrain from their usual business and professional activities.

N. E. FUCHS
Mayor City of Sikeston

How to Play BRIDGE

Series 1927-28 by
Wynne Ferguson
Author of "PRACTICAL AUCTION BRIDGE"

ARTICLE NO. 16

A correspondent has just submitted a most interesting hand for analysis, and the principles involved are so instructive that they are worthy of close study.

Example Hand

Y
A B
Z

Hearts—K, J, 8, 6
Clubs—6, 5
Diamonds—A, K, J, 5
Spades—K, J, 4

No score, first game. What should Z as dealer bid with the foregoing hand? Should he bid one no-trump or one diamond? This hand is a very close one but, in the opinion of the writer, the one diamond bid is much sounder than one no-trump. The reasons for this should be obvious. If A has a big club suit and Z bids one no-trump, A will pass and open clubs. On the other hand, if Z bids one diamond. A, with a big club suit, will bid two clubs and thus show the danger to the no-trump. If A should pass one diamond, it is up to Y to better the one diamond bid if his hand justifies it. For example, if Z bids one diamond, A passes and Y has the following hand:

Hearts—9, 4, 2
Clubs—A, Q, 10, 9
Diamonds—9, 6, 4
Spades—Q, 10, 9

he should bid one no-trump. Z's bid of one diamond should indicate that he has a good diamond suit and that Y-Z, as a partnership, hold stoppers in three suits. For that reason a bid of one no-trump by Y with the foregoing hand is a sound bid.

The bid of one club or one diamond by dealer doesn't invite a take-out by partner unless his hand justifies it. Such a bid by dealer is informatory only, and his partner must use his judgment as to the take-out. Such a take-out always is optional and never obligatory otherwise a bid under such conditions never could give correct information to partner; and information is the goal of all sound bidding. It is only when partners are getting the best bid of twenty-six cards, raher than of thirteen, that they are obtaining the best results.

Here is another type of hand that illustrates the value of bidding one diamond wih Z's hand rather than one no-trump. Suppose Z bids one diamond, A bids two clubs and Y holds the following hand:

Hearts—Q, 10, 9, 4
Clubs—9, 4, 3, 2
Diamonds—K, 8, 7, 3, 2
Spades—Q, J, 10, 9

Answer to Problem No. 16

Hearts—J, 6, 5
Clubs—K, 8, 5, 2
Diamonds—A, 7, 3
Spades—Q, 10, 6

Y
A B
Z

Hearts—10, 9
Clubs—7, 4
Diamonds—K, Q, 10, 6
Spades—J, 5, 4, 3, 2

Hearts—A, Q, 4
Clubs—A, 6, 3
Diamonds—9, 8, 5, 2
Spades—A, K, 7

No score, rubber game. Z deal, bid one no-trump and all passed. A opened the trey of hearts, Y played the five, B the nine and Z won the trick with the queen. Z now led the trey of clubs, A played the nine, Y the deuce and B the four. A now led the queen of clubs which Z won with the ace in his own hand. How should he play the hand to go game against any defense?

Z's plan of play in his hand is to force A to discard and this result can be accomplished only by leading diamonds. At trick four, therefore, Z should lead the deuce of diamonds and cover whatever diamond A plays. A's best play is the four diamonds. Y plays the seven and allows B to win the trick with the ten. B's best play is the ten of hearts which Z must win with the ace. Z should now lead the five of diamonds and play the ace in Y's hand. Y should now lead the trey of diamonds, forcing B to win with the queen. A's best discard is the low heart. B's best play now is a spade, which Z should win with the king in his own hand. Next, Z should lead the nine of diamonds. A can discard the nine of spades and Y the jack of hearts. B must win the trick with the king of diamonds and must lead back a spade, which Y should win with the queen. A should discard the eight of hearts.

Y should now lead his last spade, Z winning the trick in his own hand with the ace. A is now forced to discard either a club or the king of hearts. If the former, Y's clubs are good; if the latter, Z's four of hearts and Y's king of clubs are good. In either case, therefore, Y-Z win all tricks. It is a pretty little problem in forcing discards, so should be carefully noted.

Problem No. 17

Hearts—10, 8, 6, 2
Clubs—Q, 10, 9, 4
Diamonds—8, 7, 2
Spades—J, 8

Y
A B
Z

Problem No. 18

Hearts—10
Clubs—J, 10, 2
Diamonds—K, J, 4, 3
Spades—Q, 10, 9, 6, 4

Y
A B
Z

No score, rubber game. If Z dealt, bid one club and A passed, what should Y do with the foregoing hands?

The following couples will enjoy a progressive dinner at their homes before going on to the American Legion dance Thursday evening: The first course will be served at the Smith home with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Smith as hosts. then the guests will be entertained at the following homts: Dr. and Mrs. T. C. McClure, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Matthews, Mr. nad Mrs. Dave Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Matthews and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Sikes.

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SPECIAL MUSIC AT M. E. CHURCH CHRISTMAS DAY

The Christmas music at the Methodist Church Sunday, will be unusually good. Two numbers will be rendered at each service. Baritone solo, "In Old Judea" by Buck-Geibel, with violin obligato sung by Harry Dover and the anthem "Come and Worship", with violin obligato, by Dussler, will be heard at the morning service. The organ numbers at this service will be Adiste Fedelis by Geo. E. Whiting, Christmas offering, "Midnight in the Judean Plains", by Hosmer and Chorus of Shepherds by Lenemens.

The two anthems given at the evening service will be "Shepherds in the Fields Abiding", by Barnes and The Holy Night by Mueller. Organ numbers are: A Christmas Fantasy, by Noris and A Shepherd's Idyl, by Geibel. Personnel of choir: Sopranos: Miss Lillian Shields, Mrs. Frank Van Horne; contralitos: Misses Sara Malone, Helen Hess, Lottie Dover; tenors: Wilbur Ensor, David Allard bassos: Harry Dover, I. A. Lewis. Violin: Miss Helen Welsh.

Old Santa Claus

Dear Old Santa:

I would love to have a doll, a doll bed and a set of dishes.

HARRIETTA LEWIS.

Vanduser, Mo.

Dear Santa:

I am a little girl of 6. I am in the first grade and I think I'm a good little girl, at least daddy says I am, so if I am, I know you won't forget me. I want a big sleepy doll, that walks and talks, a nice little bed for it, a little kitchen set and dishes and a pair of skates. I hope I'm not asking for too much, Santa.

EFFIE GRANT.

P. S.: Santa, another little girl is sending a letter, too.

Morehouse, Mo.

Dear Santa:

I'm a good little girl, 7 years old, and go to school every day. Santa, if you come through Morehouse, this year, please stop at my house. I want a doll, a doll buggy, a pair of skates, kitchen cabinet and lots of candy, fruit and nuts.

MARY FREEZE.

FOR SALE—Rex Globe coal stove. Call at Becker's Store.

LOST—White gold ear bob, Sunday evening. Finder kindly leave same at The Standard office.

LOST—About two weeks ago, a note book containing the names of Hal Galeener and Dr. J. H. Yount. Return to Clyde Myers. 1tpd.

Candle Holders and Candles

THE GIFT SHOP
Derris—The Druggist

LAIR STORE NEWS
That Interesting Store
CHARLESTON

We'll be on the job this week until midnight Saturday night. Last minute purchases and special deliveries will have our best attention.

Every looker has admired the new Coxwell Chairs at $37.50. They are substantial as well as pretty and every member of the family can enjoy the comfort they afford.

Some real late numbers in pull up chairs and occasional rockers arrived at the eleventh hour. They have a snap and style to them that is not found in any but northern made goods.

There may be a family within our territory that needs a Great Majestic Range fitted with a water front at a low price. We have a good used one of that kind at less than half the cost of a new one. It is in excellent condition and will give good service.

Our close out prices on Moore's and other high grade heaters will continue throughout the week. This sharp weather should encourage those who who need a new heater of this character to buy now while the saving may be made.

Plain Cedar Chests, Cedar lined chests with Walnut overlay, Console Mirrors, Bridge and Junior Lamps, Magazine Racks, Whatnot Shelves, etc., and so on; there's no end to useful items here that are suitable for gifts.

The old, old urge of the Christmas Spirit is with us again. Down through the centuries it has come, radiant with glory from the past and losing none of its power to mellow hearts and minds as the years roll on. At the close of another year we feel particularly grateful for the good will and generous patronage of those whom we have tried to serve. Friends in business are as necessary to its proper conduct as are personal friends to happy social conditions. In this spirit our very best wishes are extended to friends of Southeast Missouri. May health and happiness be yours and may it be possible for you to accomplish all the fine, helpful things of which you may have dreamed and planned.

"Christmas! To some it means courage to start again;
Help for the helpless and strength for the strong!
Giving the hopeless a chance to take heart again—
God's loving gift to humanity's throng!"

Yuletide Greetings

Baker-Bowman Hardware Co.

GREETINGS

THAT
YOU AND YOURS
MAY HAVE A
DELIGHTFUL CHRISTMAS
AND A

Happy New Year

IS
THE SINCERE AND
HEARTY WISH
OF

The Sikeston Mercantile Co.

Yuletide Greeting

TO OUR LOYAL
PATRONS AND
FRIENDS

May the sound of Christmas bells bring glad tidings to you and may the holly wreath prove a symbol of happiness for you. We wish you the happiest sort of a Christmas and a New Year full of health, happiness and prosperity.

We are sincerely thankful for the business entrusted to us the past year and ask for a continuation of the same during 1928.

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FRIDAY MORNING

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Sure, There's a Santa

The following editorial is the reply published recently in the New York Sun when a little girl had stepped into the office and asked the time worn question, "Is there a real Santa?"

"Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skeptialism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which they be men's or children's, are little. minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little In this great universe of ours, man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole truth and knowledge. Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there was no Santa Claus. It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no child-like faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished. Not believe in Santa Claus? You might as well not believe in fairies. You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if you did not see Santa Claus coming down what would that prove. Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither men nor children can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not here. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world. You may tear apart a baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest of all the strongest men that ever lived could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance can push aside that curtain and view the picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real abiding. No Santa Claus! Thank God he lives and he lives forever! A thousand years from now, Virginia—nay ten times ten thousand years from now—he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood!"

The Standard is in receipt of a card announcing the opening of a law office in the Railway Exchange Building, St. Louis, by J. Holman East. Jewel East, as he was known here, is a high type young man and friends in Sikeston wish him success.

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Pieces of oak dating back to 1092, and taken out of Lincoln Cathedral during rebuilding, have been sold to swell the restoration fund.

The Chamber of Commerce, who is fathering the Commission Form of Government for Sikeston, expect to give publicity soon for the reasons why Sikeston should vote for the change. Where the mony will come from to pay the salaries of the Commissioners will have to be shown, as weil as what material benefits will be gained by the change. The Standard would be glad to have the subject discussed by both sides of the question for the benefit of the voters Of course, under the Commission Form all lesser officers will be appointive, which to our way of thinking would be preferable, as an inefficient officer could be relieved at once. At the same time the Board of Aldermen could impeach any officer who failed in his duties or repeal the ordinance creating the offices More men with guts is what most Board of Aldermen need and fewer "yes men". It seems from hearsay that the gap in the financial field has been wide open, else the shortage of city money could not have occurred Something needs to be done to safe guard the interests of the city and the public.

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We have always been fool enough to advocate a vigilance committee or a whipping post for certain offenses, and there is now an urgent need of such if reports coming to the editor is true, and we believe they are. It is told that two or three men in the same section of the ciy, are neglecting their families to run with other women who are on the market. White mule is at the bottom of two of the instances. One of these men who spends his earnings, when he works, spends his money on vile mule and vile women, while part of his family goes without underclothes, except old overalls cut down. This may get us in trouble with one or more of these miserable men, but we know them when we see them and will keep our eyes open. It is a sad thing to think of when men with nice families will let either of the above evils get the best of them. Now is a mighty good time to make a resolve to do better then fight the devil to a finish and come back to be a man.

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President Coolidge thinks Arkansas, Mississippi and Louisiana farmers should share with the Government the cost of new levees for flood protection. Those farmers are all Democrats of the most hopeless type. In regard to harbor improvements and military defenses for New England ports, where the folks are all Republicans after the President's own heart, he believes the Government should pay the entire bill. The floods with which Mississippi, Arkansas and Louisiana are devastated are from the Republican states of Missouri, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, Minnesota and Wisconsin, waters that should be diverted into other channels than the Missouri and Mississippi Rivers. The Government, which demands jurisdiction over all navigable streams, is under just as much obligation to protect Southern states from hostile Northern waters, we believe, as it is to protect New England ports from hostile European ships.

Christmas

[1927]

THIS should be the most successful Christmas in our history if we try to make it so. Let us crowd hate and its kindred, suspicion and gloom, out of our hearts. Let us focus our eyes on that guiding star which led the Wise Men to a poor abode, and in the warmth of its glow rekindle in ourselves the genial flame of charity.

Let us, for the day at least, forget the things that worry us. In their places let us substitute thoughts of the many things for which we may be thankful. Let us forgive our enemies and lean more heavily upon the staff of friendship. Thus each of us will become a center of happiness and able to spread that cheer which is at the heart of Christmas observance.

No season of the year so delightfully excites one's imagination or calls more sympathetically to one's tenderest emotions. We do not need to be reminded that the festive occasion commemorates the announcement of the religion of peace and love, for the feeling is all around us. It expresses itself in tranquillity for the old and in joyous promptings for the young.

Happiness is in the air.

The penetration of the Christmas spirit encourages us in the faith that the world is growing better, for it cannot be otherwise than that the recurrent planting of such seeds year by year tends more and more toward the fruition of universal love and brotherhood

Our greeting to you is for a merry Christmas and the wish that all of us may carry much of the spirit and blessings of the day into every other day of the year. Thus shall we draw nearer to the fulfillment of the ideal typified by Christmas.

THE PUBLISHERS

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This will be the last issue of The Standard before Santa Claus makes his rounds. We hope there will be none overlooked as it would be a sad Christmas morning to the little fellows. At our own age, we are expecting Santa Claus and can hardly wait for the happy morning. Our grown children are expecting Santa Clause and he is already on his way to Atlanta, Ga., Ballston, Va., and to Washington, D. C. The grandchildren, of course, are going to be visited by this wonderful being and we would be just as happy as they if we could be present and see the happiness in their faces when they find that Old Santa has visited them in the quiet of the night.

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Gene Tunney, champion pugilist of the world, is now the idol of the average American boy. This makes doubly valuable the following statements Tunney made to a big gathering of boys last Thursday: "The will to win when associated with natural qualifications cannot be defeated", said Gene. "Some boys will meet with misfortune and quit; others will continue to fight. The game man never says 'quit'—he fights back even when he is down and he is going to last. A sportsman obeys the rules. He doesn't shoot out of season; he doesn't hit when any one is down. Sportsmanship is that quality of spirit which makes you manly and keeps you within the rules of the game. In fighting this battle of life, do it gamely, fairly and honorably. And the quality that I would place next to sportsmanship is loyalty—to principles, to God, to friends and to your country. It is only bullies who swear and they are always cowards. Smoking is a foolish habit. I have never smoked".

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The editor regrets exceedingly that he will be unable to be one of the Missouri editors who will go on a special of the Missouri Pacific to Mexico City and other points of interest in Mexico. The slight cost of $250 is a minor matter—we cannot leave our business for the three weeks time it requires for the trip!

THE CHRISTMAS STOCKING

Minnie Sayers Smith

Hanging there so limp and still,
Waiting there, at Santa's will
Hoping soon to realize
Some exceeding glad surprise.

How the stocking represents
Life to us and its contents,
Christ the Lord is LIVING THERE,
All the world is brighter far.

So our lives are limp and bare,
IF no light has entered there,
Filled with essence pure and sweet,
Kneeling at the Mercy seat.

Dear Santa Claus: Our wants at this time of life are few. If you will just place in our heart the courage to do right by our fellowmen the coming year, it will matter little if you place a blank in our sock. Sometimes, Santa Claus, we regret that we have such a sour disposition that we displease more than we please. It is this thing that we wish you could take from us and leave instead honeyed words that mean nothing, neither displease.

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We haven't been asked to prescribe just what would prevent quarrels, misunderstandings, etc., that often lead to divorce courts, but in certain instances twins would keep young people so busy they would have no leisure time to run around with other folks that leads to gossip and trouble. If you don't believe it, try it!

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If Santa Claus don't mind, we would like to make a suggestion on behalf of every married man in the community. See if you can't find and deliver to every married woman a foot warmer of some sort to be used at least thirty minutes before retiring. Wholesale rates might be gotten for all bridge ladies who are out late.

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A poor old printer was killed and robbed in St. Louis for $12, his fortune. Two young negro bucks have been sentenced for life for the job, while we hope the printer is resting in peace for the first time.

We are not expecting Santa Claus from those who feel grieved over something that has been printed in The Standaard the year about to close, at the same time we can truthfully say that we bear malice toward no living being. Sometimes we may see through strange glasses, but we cannot all see alike. We plead guilty, too, to being somewhat prejudiced along certain lines as might have been noted. We might also add that we have never had much use for a liar, or a hypocrite, and have so expressed ourselves before. With these few confessions on our part, we hope that none will be so personal as to withhold Santa Claus from coming to our house.

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We are claiming to have no edge over other men in the way of worldly things, but we are claiming to be a little more careful than some of them. It would be a crushing thing, we think, for grown children to find out that their father and mother were no just as clean as they believed and hoped they were. We are claiming nothing, you understand, but the fear being caught by your own boys and girls, should be enough to make a man have a care. We were talking to a professional man recently and he stated that his married daughter told her husband if he would be just as good to her as her father was to her mother, and just as clean, she would be supremely happy. This man was just like the editor , bound to try to live right for the confidence the children have in us.

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We would like to swap off our meat axe for a stuffed club so that when we hit a fellow through the paper he would not feel it. Any pussy-footer who is looking for a trade, can find one by phoning 137.

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To commemorate Sir Francis Dranke's association with the River Medway a model of his famous ship, the Golden Hind, has been hung in the Dockyard Church at Chatham. This ship was the first English vessel to sail around the world.

Another reason why churches are not what they once were, so far as religion is concerned, is that they have laid aside the Bible and have gone into politics. Here in Sikeston we are told, more than $300 was made up in one of the churches for the Anti-Saloon League, a Republican political adjunct, and pledges passed around in another church asking the signers to pledge themselves to vote for none other than dry candidates This is all political bunc, pure and simple and has given the devil time to seduce, fish and hunt on Sunday gamble for money, bootleg and make moonshine. If the Sikeston church books were purged of the moral law breakers and the legal law breakers, those that might be left could have some influence over we non-church members who are believers in the Supreme Being, but don't care to mix with the goats as is. The money spent on the Anti-Saloon League goes to pay fat salaries to political preachers who we believe are after the money instead of the cause. If the money made up here for the League was used to get behind officers and help make convictions, and get behind judges and juries and demand heavy penalties on conviction, they would get results that they could see.

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The Federal Courts recently decided that the railroads of the country had placed too high a value on their property that they had a guarantee of a certain per cent on their investmen, so cut the valuation $400,000,000. The Courts valued the roads at the cost of construction at the time they were built while the railroads had set their value on what it would cost today to reconstruct their systems. This leads up to another question: Just what is the actual value of our local light, power and ice plant? They are permitted by the Public Service Commission of the State to regulate their charges in order to guarantee them a certain per cent on their investment. Let's figure just a bit. We are told the Sikeston section of this system is placed at $200,000. We don't know whether it is so or not, but we do know that the new electric machine insalled here recently to carry Sikeston in an emergency, cost a trifle less than $15,000 and it will carry the entire Sikeston load except the shoe factory. Now, two units like this could run Sikeston that would cost $30,000, then add $15,000 for a reserve unit would be $45,000. Double all this to erect posts, put up wires and ice plant and you would have $90,000. What is the matter with Sikeston having her own plant and getting the profit?

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Arthur Arnold, who was captured near Doniphan a week ago, after a gun fight with officers, will recover from gunshot wounds received during the battle, officers at Van Buren, Carter County, say. An examination revealed that Arnold is carrying 107 shot in his back and legs, which he received while running from the officers. He is facing charges of highway robbery.

A Story of Depravity

The kidnaping and murder of the little Los Angeles school girl has few parallels in the annals of crime. The wretch responsible for the tragdy received the money he demanded. And yet he not only killed the child, but mutilated her horribly. To what tortures and indignities she was submitted while a captive probably will never be known. No more repulsive story of a man's depravity was ever brought to light.

We know what the sentiment of the public is today. Nowhere within the confines of civilization is there a decent-minded person who would express sympathy for the brutal murderer. The blood of the innocent little girl is crying from the ground.

But if the degenerate who committed the crime were apprehended, given a fair and impartial trial and sentenced to death, how long before the voice of the child's blood would be drowned by the hubbub of mawkish sentimentality on the part of those who forget the crime and is victims when the day of doom for the criminal approaches? If the wretch who killed Marian Parker of Los Angeles were confined in a prison house death cell six months later, with the day of execution near at hand, some of the squeamish papers and some of the people influenced by them would be prating about the savagery of a state putting a human being to death. They would have forgotten all about the poor little school girl who fell into his clutches and was killed and cut to pieces by him.

Ruth Snyder and a slapjack corset salesman conspired to kill the woman's husband, in order that they might continue their illicit relations. They did kill him, killed him while he slept, without giving him a dog's chance. Now that Ruth Snyder and Judd Gray are facing the electric chair, the anti-capital punishment crew are ridiculing the law in every possible way and trying to stir up a sympathy for the condemned, having forgotten all about the victim.

No doubt the same efforts will be forthcoming in behalf of the Los Angeles murder, if later he finds himself in the death cell with the hour of hs execution drawing night.

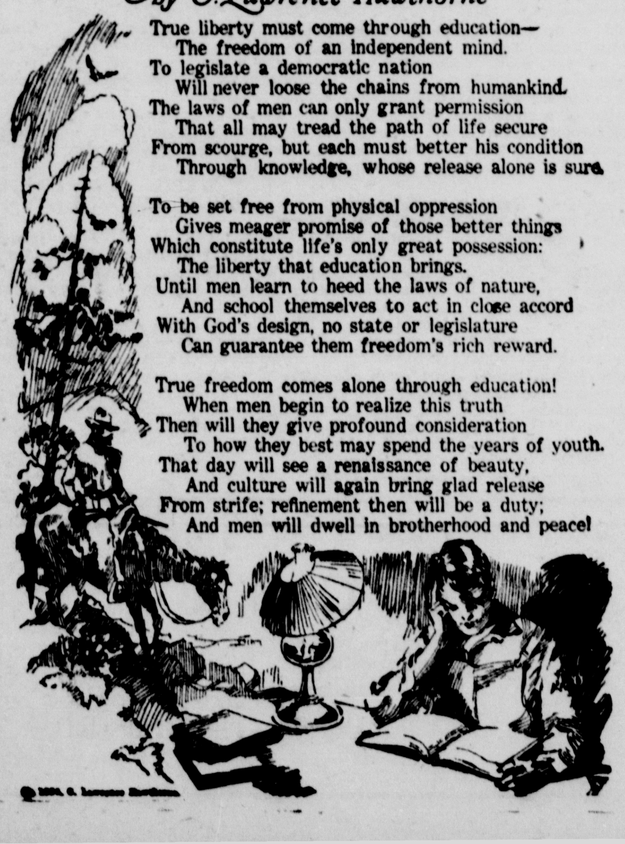
If these sentimentalists really prefer the lives of red-handed murderers over the lives of their innocent victims, they ought to be frank enough to begin now their agitation for the life of the fiend who murdered and mutilated the little California school girl. Then, in event of his apprehension and conviction, they could not be accused of being afraid to voice their opinions before the body of the child had returned to dust.

Now is the accepted time. Let them speak, or hereafter hold their peace.—Commercial Appeal.

The make-up of the front page of The Standard this issue is a Standard page, as we are carrying our own greeting to the readers. The balance of the matter on the page are our own thoughts and the thoughts of those that we agree with.

When Men are Free

by O. Lawrence Hawthorne



True liberty must come through education—
The freedom of an independent mind.
To legislate a democratic nation
Will never loose the chains from humankind.
The laws of men can only grant permission
That all may tread the path of life secure
From scourge, but each must better his condition
Through knowledge, whose release alone is sure.

To be set free from physical oppression
Gives meager promise of those better things
Which constitute life's only great possession:
The liberty that education brings.
Until men learn to heed the laws of nature,
And school themselves to act in close accord
With God's design, no state or legislature
Can guarantee them freedom's rich reward.

True freedom comes alone through education!
When men begin to realize this truth
Then will they give profound consideration
To how they best may spend the years of youth.
That day will see a renaissance of beauty,
And culture will again bring glad release
From strife; refinement then will be a duty;
And men will dwell in brotherhood and peace!

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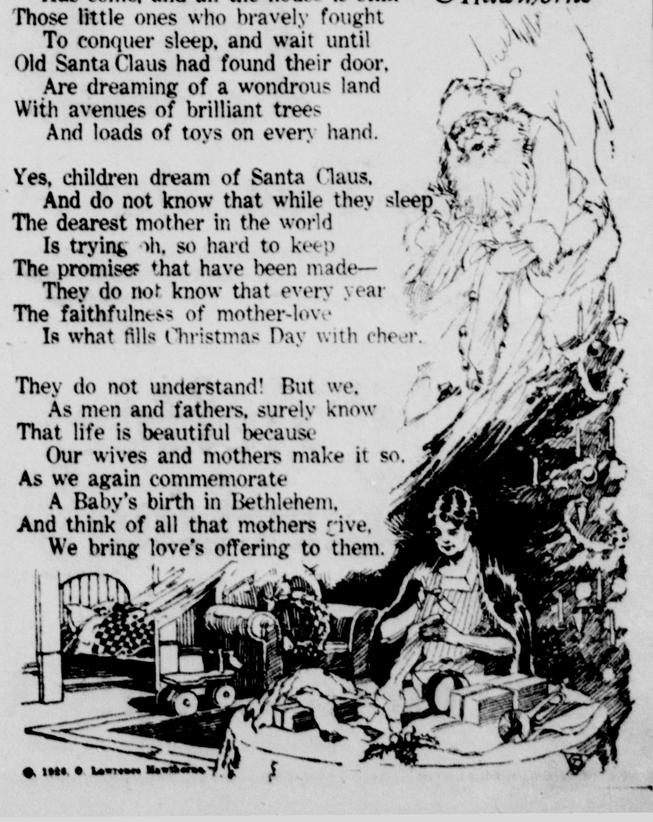
Children Do Not Know

by O. Lawrence Hawthorne

The midnight hour of Christmas Eve
Has come, and all the house is still.
Those little ones who bravely fought
To conquer sleep, and wait until
Old Santa Claus had found their door,
Are dreaming of a wondrous land
With avenues of brilliant trees
And loads of toys on every hand.

Yes, children dream of Santa Claus,
And do not know that while they sleep
The dearest mother in the world
Is trying oh, so hard to keep
The promises that have been made—
They do not know that every year
The faithfulness of mother-love
Is what fills Christmas Day with cheer.

They do not understand! But we,
As men and fathers, surely know
That life is beautiful because
Our wives and mothers make it so.
As we again commemorate
A Baby's birth in Bethlehem,
And think of all that mothers give,
We bring love's offering to them.



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NEW MADRID COUNTY FARM BUREAU NEWS

Binford Henry, a farmer in the flooded area of New Madrid county makes $3500 from a 79-acre sunflower crop planted after all other crops had failed. This is an outstanding example of turning defeat into victory, and a case that shows the typical fighting spirit of the American farmer.

Mr. Henry, who lives in the eastern part of the county on the Mississippi River had flood waters covering his land twice last spring. He was not able to begin work until late June the 70 acres were planted to corn twice and each time the stand was totally desroyed by cut-worms. On July 15, Mr. Henry planted this field to sunflowers, last month he harvested the crop and he has now disposed of them to the local dealer.

He received $3500 for the sunflower seed raised on the 70 acres, this is a handsome return, but farmers must not overlook the fact, says County Agent Scott M. Julian, that it is due to the decreased acreage that the good prices of this fall were obtained. A greatly increased acreage throughout Southeast Missouri may result in 2c sunflowers as the U. S. market can only use 12-15 million pounds and even a small over-production will break the market.

The use of a 90-day corn by farmers in the flooded area has been of very material aid in helping the county produce one of its best corn crops. Not only has more acreage been put in than could have been secured by the use of longer maturing varieties but the 90-day corn is grading out exceptionally well, and contains but little moisture.

An example of this was told to the County Agent by J. Val Baker, Prosecuting Attorney. Mr. Baker's tenant planted a 90-day variety, "Pride of the North" on the 14th of July. The field is yielding 40 bushels per acre, and so great is the demand that all of it will be sold for seed corn, Mr. Baker stated.

Other instances of similar nature were told by Judge G. L. Tinsley. Judge Tinsley in an effort to assist the farmers making corn crops ordered several thousand bushels of 90-day varieties from reputable dealers. It was very fortunate for the county that this was done as shortly afterwards it was impossible to secure high grade 90-day seed corn. Judge Tinsley stated that from the number of favorable comments that he had received, that there was no question but what the use of 90-day varieties had made the farmers of the county thousands of dollars.

A good quality of skim milk should have a yield of 15 to 18 pounds of cottage cheese per 100 pounds of skim milk.

Learning the Bible by heart is the self-imposed task of the 40,000 members of the Berean Band of Bible Learners. The movement is 21 years old this year and was originated in Acton, London.

A light ray with a beam of 1,380,000,000 candlepower, which is visible for a distance of 250 miles, has been installed at Charlottesville, Va., to guide pilots of air mails. If the light were shining towards a man at a distance of 50 miles he could read a newspaper by it.

BOND COMPROMISE FOR STATE ROADS

Jefferson City, December 19.—Compromise of the difference between the $120,000,000 additional State road bond issue advocated by the Automobile Club of Missouri and the opposing one of $60,000,000 recommended by the State Highway Commission to avoid almost certain defeat of both if they are submitted jointly in the next election, was urged here today by State Senator A. T. McCawley of Carthage, chairman of the Senate Roads and Highways Committee of the 1927 Legislature.

Members of the Highway Commission plan to meet in St. Louis Wednesday to discuss details of the $60,000,000 proposal, which was announced last Wednesday. It is understood the Automobile Club is to have similar conference about that time on the $120,000,000 plan and it has been suggested they get together and seek a compromise. Many objections have been raised against the commission's proposal on the ground such an amount would not provide fully for completion of the present 7640-mile system and necessary mileage in connection, widen highways in the metropolitan areas and permit development of farm-to-market feeder roads in each county. Each of these four important points is provided for in the $120,000,000 proposal.

There have been suggestions that the Automobile Club proceed to place the $120,000,000 proposal on the ballot, irrespective of the Commissioners' recommendation, because of the strong support of the proposal that has developed over the State. Others have suggested the two plans be withdrawn and a compromise one of $80,000,000 to $90,000,000 be submitted to prevent splitting the bond issue support in the State.

"A division between advocates of the State highway system endangers completion of the system", Senator McCawley said. "I think no program could be adopted that does not have the joint support of the Highway Commission, the Automobile Club of Missouri and those who are justly demanding a system of farm-to-market roads. It is to be hoped there forces speedily will reach a basis of agreement. Two propositions on the ballot will almost certainly result in defeat of both".

McCawley, as chairman of the Senate Roads and Highways Committee, last winer introduced in the Legislature a proposed amendment to the Constitution, authorizing a $120,000,000 bond issue. It was backed by the Automobile Club and others and was very similar to the proposal the Automobile Club now plans to submit through the initiative.

The measure introduced by McCawley was passed by the Senate and was approved by the House Roads and Highways Committee, but was delayed in the House and did not reach a vote in the eleventh-hour preceding adjournment.

"From information coming to me, there is an overwhelming sentiment for completion of the system as now projected", McCawley said, "and construction of a system of farm-to-market roads in each county. The people, while acknowledging the valuable services of the Automobile Club and having unlimited faith in in its recommendations, at the same time want to support such proposals as the State Highway Commission shall unanimously recommend. Which, of course, means that the present serious situation by all means ought to be solved on a basis of mutual concessions.

"The adoption of an amendment to the Constitution like the enactment of a law by the General Assembly necesarrily requires that we approach the task with a spirit of give and take. By all means let us find a basis of agreement".

Making a clock that has no steel parts and needs no oiling is now possible through a new alloy perfected by an English inventor.

A bruise on his heel a month ago has resulted in the amputation of W. L. Holcomb's right leg. Holcomb resides at Dexter. He was taken to a hospital at Poplar Bluff in a critical condition from blood poisoning which developed from the wound. His recovery is considered doubtful.

PROCLAMATION OF MAYOR OF CITY OF SIKESTON SUBMITTING THE QUESTION OF ORGANIZING THE CITY OF SIKESTON INTO ALTERNATIVE OR COMMISSION FORM OF GOVERNMENT.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, a petition of the qualified electors of the City of Sikeston equal in number to twenty-five per cent of the votes cast for all candidates for Mayor at the last preceeding city election of said city has been submitted to the Mayor of said City of Sikeston for organizing the said City of Sikeston into Alternative or Commission form of government as provided in Article V., Chapter 72, of the Laws of Missouri, 1919, and amendments thereto, and,

WHEREAS, it is the duty of said Mayor under the law, upon the filing of said petition, to submit to the qualified voters of said City the question of organizing as a city under said Article V., Chapter 72 of the Laws of Missouri, 1919, and amendments thereto,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, N. E. Fuchs, Mayor of the City of Sikeston, Missouri, as required by law and by authority of the aforesaid petition, do hereby call a special election to be held in the four separate wards of said City of Sikeston on

TUESDAY, THE 10TH DAY OF JANUARY, 1928

for the purpose of submitting to the qualified voters of said city the proposition of organizing said city under the Alternative or Commission Form of Government as provided in said Article V. Chapter 72, and amendments thereto, of the laws of Missouri, 1919.

The voting place in each of the four wards of said City of Sikeston, Missouri, on said date will be at the following places:—

Ward One at the City Hall.
Ward Two at Boyers Garage.
Ward Three at the Ford Garage.
Ward Four at the office of E. C. Robinson Lumber Co.

The polls will be open for receiving votes at said special election on the date hereinbefore mentioned in all the voting places prescribed herein from six o'clock in the forenoon until seven o'clock in the afternoon.

Done at my office in Sikeston, Missouri, this 12th day of December, 1927.

(SEAL)

N. E. FUCHS,
Mayor.

Attest: P. H. STEVENSON,
City Clerk

Notice of Special City Election

Pursuant to an ordinance duly passed by the City Council of the City of Sikeston, Scott County, Mo., and approved by the Mayor of said City, notice is hereby given that a special election will be held in the four different wards of said City of Sikeston on Tuesday, the 10th day of January, 1928, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified voters of said City the proposition of approving or disapproving ordinance No. 1070, as passed by said City Council on the 5th day of December, 1927, granting to Moody and Seagraves, a co-partnership, a franchise to erect the necessary equipment and furnish gas to the City of Sikeston and the inhabitants thereof, which said Ordinance No. 1070, omitting formal portion thereof, is in words and figures, as follows:

"BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIKESTON, MISSOURI, TO-WIT:

Section 1. That there is hereby granted unto MOODY & SEAGRAVES, a co-partnership composed of W. L. Moody, III, and O. R. Seagraves, with offices in St. Louis, State of Missouri, herein called "Grantee", and to Grantee's successors, heirs and assigns, the rights, permission, privilege and franchise for a period of twenty (20) years from an after taking effect of this Ordinance subject to the laws of the State of Missouri now in force or hereinafter enacted, and to the conditions and limitations herein contained to erect, install, construct, reconstruct, repair, own, operate, maintain, manage and control a gas plant and gas distributing systems consisting of pipes, conduits, and other equipment and fixtures necessary, convenient or proper, for the production, transmission, distribution and delivery within the limits of said Municipality of gas for light, heat and power purposes to the said Municipality and its inhabitants.

Section 2. That said Grantee, its successors, heirs and assigns, are hereby granted the right-of-way in, under, over, along and across the streets, sidewalks, alleys, bridges and other highways and public grounds of said Municipality for the purpose of erecting, installing, constructing, reconstructing and repairing, owning, operating maintaining, managing and controlling said gas plant and said gas distributing system.

Section 3. That said grantee shall hold said Municipality free and harmless of and from any and all liability, damages, actions and causes of action, caused by or through the neglect or mismanagement of the grantee in the erection, installation, construction, reconstruction, repair, operation, maintenance, management and control of said gas plant and distribution system.

Section 4. That said Grantee shall not, during the erection, installation, construction, reconstruction, repairing, operating and maintenance of said plant or distribution system, unnecessarily impede public travel on the streets, sidewalks, alleys, bridges and public grounds of said Municipality, and shall leave all of said streets, sidewalks, alleys, bridges and other highways and public ground upon which it may enter for the purposes herein authorized in as good condition as they were at the date of said entry.

Section 5. That if any section or portion of a section of this Ordinance shall be declared null and void by any competent authority, the remaining portions hereof shall not be affected thereby.

Section 6. Nothing herein contained shall ever be held to confer an exclusive right upon the Grantee herein.

Section 7. That in the event the Grantee herein, or its heirs, successors or assigns, shall not begin construction of a gas plant or a gas distributing system for the purpose of distributng gas purisuant to the terms hereof within ninety (90) days after the completion of a pipe line for the transportation of natural gas from the gas fields of Louisiana to the vicinity of St. Louis, Missouri, which the Grantee contemplates constructing, or causing to be constructed, or if the Grantee, its heirs, successors or assigns hereof shall fail to commence operation hereunder within two (2) years after granting hereof, then this franchise shall be forfeited and shall no longer be binding on either of the parties hereto.

Section 8. That this Ordinance shall take effect from and after its passage and approval and consent thereto by the qualified voters according to law".

The voting places in each of the four wards of said City of Sikeston, Missouri, will be at the following places:—

FIRST WARD: At the City Hall.
SECOND WARD: At Boyer's Garage.
THIRD WARD: At Ford Garage.
FOURTH WARD: At the office of E. C. Robinson Lumber Company.

The polls will be open for receiving votes at said special election on the date hereinbefore mentioned at all the voting places prescribed herein from six o'clock in the forenoon until seven o'clock in the afternoon.

Done by order of the City Council by an ordinance duly passed and approved on the 12th day of December, 1927.

P. H. STEVENSON,
City Clerk.

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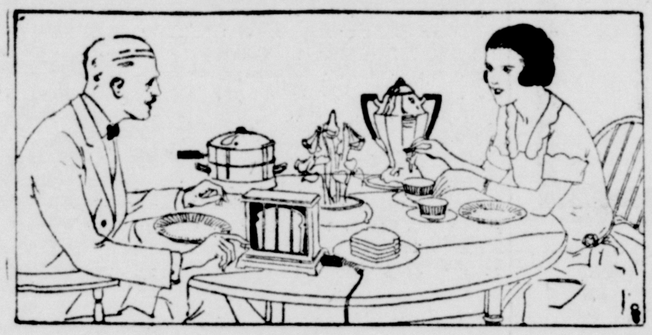

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Shelled Almonds	Raisins
Shelled Pecans	Dates
Shelled English Walnuts	Figs
Shelled Black Walnuts	Canned Peaches
Shelled Filberts	Canned Pears
Nuts of All Kinds	Canned Apples
Winesap Apples	Canned Pineapple
Grimes Golden Apples	Canned Cherries
Greening Apples	Canned Strawberries
Starks Delicious	Canned Blackberries
Fancy Fruit Baskets	Canned Loganberries

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GIRL'S SLAYER IDENTIFED BY FINGER PRINTS

Los Angeles, December 20.—A man believed to be William Edward Hickman, named by the police as the slayer of Marian Parker, driving what the police think is his second stolen automobile, slipped through a tremendous police dragnet this morning and escaped capture by a minute.

So close was the chase that a short time later a report reached police headquarters of his arrest, but it proved a mistake, and upwards of 7,000 peace officers of Southern California continued the drive.

Just before dawn, a blue Cadillac car with wire wheels pulled into a filling station on West Sixth street. The driver asked for five gallons of gasoline, got it and requested a new bulb for one of his headlights. While the attendant was inside the building getting the light, the big blue car pulled out at top speed.

Jack Woods, the attendant, jumped into his automobile nad gave chase not for a fugitive with $100,000 on his head, but to collect $1.03 for gasoline.

At top speed the two cars thundered down Sxith street to Broadway, the main business artery of the city.

They swung into Broadway going north with the fugitive gaining. Some one telephoned police about the mad chase which was headed almost directly for the headquarters of Herman H. Cline, chief of detectives, in charge of the manhunt. It was Cline who last night announced that the man sought for the killing was Hickman, once employed in the bank where the girl's father was an official.

The detective chief threw a squad of 100 officers into the street at a moment's notice. Before they could reach that intersection, the fugitive, without slowing down, spun east and escaped in the darkness. Later word said Hickman was the fugitive, judging from the photographs at police headquartres.

Meanwhile a heavy guard was thrown around Central police station where a man whose name was not divulged but who is said by Cline to have been an intermediary between the abductor and the Parker family, is being held. This man, an aviation enthusiast, came here recently from Kansas City, former home of Hickman.

Mutterings of violence prompted the development of the station guard.

A false report that William Edw. Hickman, sought as the slayer, had been captured threw the Central station into confusion just before 8 a. m. The fever hea t of one of the greatest manhunts on record broke only for a minute or two, however, and the great drive went on again as word came that the report was wrong.

The intensive search, given impetus by the fact that a price of $100,000 had been placed on his head, got under way this morning after the police had announced William Edward Hickman, former employe of the Los Angeles First Trust and Savings Bank, had been positively identified through finger prints and photographs as the slayer of the 12-year-old daughter of Perry Parker, an officer of the bnak.

Chief of Detectives Herman Cline made public the findings of his investigation after police had visited the youth's home in Alhambra, Cal., and learned that the young man was not there. His mother, Mrs. Eva M. Hickman, lives in Kansas City.

The motive for kidnapping, slaying and dissection of Marian, was supplied in the police hypothesis. Hickman two years ago was given a job in the bank. He worked as a clerk until six months ago when arrested for forgery.

Admitted having traced signatures from checks entrusted in his care, the youth confessed and was paroled to his mother. Police believe Hickman got the erroneous impression that Parker had opposed his application for parole and had urged a prison sentence.

After having chased thousands of false clues, the police satisfied themselves this morning that Hickman was the man wanted. Finger prints taken from the ransom notes and from the wheel of the killer's automobile were found to correspond with those taken by the police two years ago when he was "mugged" for the forgery charges.

Hickman's photograph in the police galery was shown to Parker and to Miss Neona Britten, a teacher at Marian's school. Miss Britten said the photo was the man who came and tricked the school authorities into delivering the little girl into his hands.

As a further connecting link the police discovered that the killer's automobile was one which had been stolen from Dr. Herbert L. Mantz in Kansas City last fall. The car later turned up in San Diego, with a license taken from a stolen California Ford. Then it developed that Dr. Mantz's Kansas City home is near that of the Hickmans.

On the strength of that information the police abandoned all other leads and today centered their entire effort on the possibility of laying their hands on Young Hickman.

Press associations and newspapers were taken into the confidence of the police, told that the killer of Marian Parker had been identified and were asked to refrain from broadcasting the news until it was found whether or not the fugitive from justice was in Los Angeles or viciniy.

When it was discovered that Hickman apparently had gone, the lid was lifted and the man hunt started afresh, but this time it had a definite objective.

Court records revealed that altho' Hickman pleaded guilty to the forgery charge in Superior Court, the case went into Juvenile Court when his mother swore he was only 18 years of age. The youth had told the officers he was older.

He made application for probation and the application went to Parker for approval. Parker was busy at the time and sent one of his assistants to talk to the boy and probation officials. The application of Young Hickman then was signed by Parker's assistant.

Police believe that Hickman, knowing that Parker was to have signed the application and seeing another man's signature on the document thought that Parker had refused to approve his plea and had opposed the probation.

When Hickman, upon being placed on probation, made application for reinstatement in the bank, officials refused this. Approval of this application was not within Parker's jurisdiction.

Police believe that the youth, brooding over what he thought was the wrong done him by Parker, planned the kidnaping and gruesome murder in revenge.

Harold Pitman of Kennett spent a few days in Sikeston this week visiting boy friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Emory Baker of Chicago will arrived Friday morning to spend the holidays with homefolks.

FLOOD CONTROL REPORT IRKS BECKER

Jefferson City, December 19.—Secretary of State Charles U. Becker is indignant over a press dispatch, sent out of Washington Saturday in connection with the flood control measure before Congress. This dispatch, he says, totally misrepresented the facts.

In a letter sent to Chairman Reid this afternoon, Secretary of State Becker explains the situation as follows:

During my absence from the Capitol a clerk in the Land Department answered a telegram from you of December 8, 1927, asking for information as to the geographical location of the land ceeded to Missouri under the federal swamp act of 1850. This letter has just been brought to my attention on account of a newspaper dispatch from Washington printed in the Sunday papers saying that I, in reply to your telegram, merely called your attention to a printed pamphlet. * * * The clerk merely notified you that the charge, established by legislative act, for furnishing this detailed information, would cost about $1000. However, had I been here I would have notified you that I would have furnished this information at my own expense, because we are glad to help the Flood Control Committee in every way possible.

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Almost entire freedom of Missouri dairy cattle from utberculosis may be one of the reasons why so many are being bought and shipped to other states, says hte report. Another reason, it is reported, is that Missouri dairymen evidently are selling their cows at too reasonable a figure.

Commissioner Bennett declares a strong demand for dairy stock prevailed over the entire country in 1927, due to ordinances in many Eastern and Northern cities requiring that cows of dairymen be tested for tuberculosis. Many were condtmned and slaughtered and had to be replaced.

"Buyers for cows from sections where a sharp advance in prices due to the abnormal demand, making their regular buying trips, found prices almost prohibitive, and many found their way to Missouri, resulting in rather an alarming number of dairy cattle being shipped out of this state", the report says.

"Jasper County reports more than sixty carloads shipped since July 1, 1927, and several other counties report unusual activity in dairy cattle movements to other states. Where investigations were made it was found that prices received by our farmers were from 25 per cent to 40 per cent less than the same class of cows can be bought for in the dairy centers of the country".

The Greer school will give a Christmas program Friday, December 22, at 7:00 p. m. The program consists of plays, recitations and songs. Following the program will be a box supper and a box of candy will be given to the prettiest girl. Everybody is cordially invited.

Mrs. M. G. Gresham was a visitor to Charleston, Tuesday.

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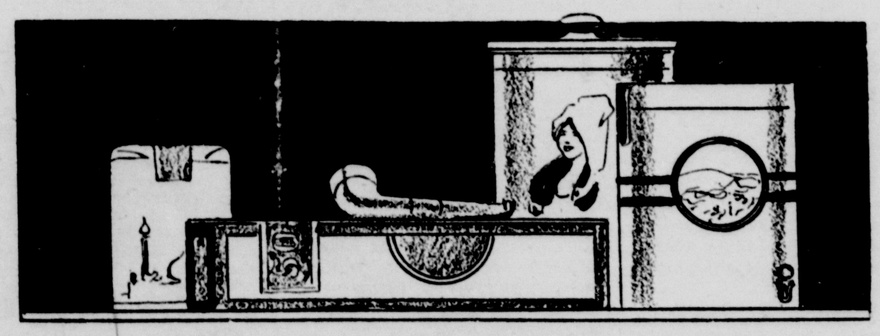

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NEW MADRID COUNTY FARM BUREAU NEWS

Binford Henry, a farmer in the flooded area of New Madrid county makes $3500 from a 79-acre sunflower crop planted after all other crops had failed. This is an outstanding example of turning defeat into victory, and a case that shows the typical fighting spirit of the American farmer.

Mr. Henry, who lives in the eastern part of the county on the Mississippi River had flood waters covering his land twice last spring. He was not able to begin work until late June the 70 acres were planted to corn twice and each time the stand was toally desroyed by cut-worms. On July 15, Mr. Henry planted this field to sunflowers, last month he harvested the crop and he has now disposed of them to the local dealer.

He received $3500 for the sunflower seed raised on the 70 acres, this is a handsome return, but farmers must not overlook the fact, says County Agent Scott M. Julian, that it is due to the decreased acreage that the good prices of this fall were obtained. A greatly increased acreage throughout Southeast Missouri may result in 2c sunflowers as the U. S. market can only use 12-15 million pounds and even a small over-production will break the market.

The use of a 90-day corn by farmers in the flooded area has been of very material aid in helping the county produce one of its best corn crops. Not only has more acreage been put in than could have been secured by the use of longer maturing varieties but the 90-day corn is grading out exceptionally well, and contains but little moisture.

An example of this was told to the County Agent by J. Val Baker, Prosecuting Attorney. Mr. Baker's tenant planted a 90-day variety, "Pride of the North" on the 14th of July. The field is yielding 40 bushels per acre, and so great is the demand that all of it will be sold for seed corn, Mr. Baker stated.

Other instances of similar nature were told by Judge G. L. Tinsley. Judge Tinsley in an effort to assist the farmers making corn crops ordered several thousand bushels of 90-day varieties from reputable dealers. It was very fortunate for the county that this was done as shortly afterwards it was impossible to secure high grade 90-day seed corn. Judge Tinsley stated that from the number of favorable comments that he had received, that there was no question but what the use of 90-day varieties had made the farmers of the county thousands of dollars.

Agood quality of skim milk should have a yield of 15 to 18 pounds of cottage cheese per 100 pounds of skim milk.

Learning the Bible by heart is the self-imposed task of the 40,000 members of the Berean Band of Bible Learners. The movement is 21 years old this year and was originated in Acton, London.

A light ray with a beam of 1,380,000,000 candlepower, which is visible for a distance of 250 miles, has been installed at Charlottesville, Va., to guide pilots of air mails. If the light were shining towards a man at a distance of 50 miles he could read a newspaper by it.

Music and Brief Cases

THE GIFT SHOP
Derris—The Druggist

BOND COMPROMISE FOR STATE ROADS

Jefferson City, December 19.—Compromise of the difference between the $120,000,000 additional State road bond issue advocated by the Automobile Club of Missouri and the opposing one of $60,000,000 recommended by the State Highway Commission to avoid almost certain defeat of both if they are submitted jointly in the next election, was urged here today by State Senator A. T. McCawley of Carthage, chairman of the Senate Roads and Highways Committee of the 1927 Legislature.

Members of the Highway Commission plan to meet in St. Louis Wednesday to discuss details of the $60,000,000 proposal, which was announced last Wednesday. It is understood the Automobile Club is to have similar conference about that time on the $120,000,000 plan and it has been suggested they get together and seek a compromise. Many objections have been raised against the commission's proposal on the ground such an amount would not provide fully for completion of the present 7640-mile system and necessary mileage in connection, widen highways in the metropolitan areas and permit development of farm-to-market feeder roads in each county. Each of these four important points is provided for in the $120,000,000 proposal.

There have been suggestions that the Automobile Club proceed to place the $120,000,000 proposal on the ballot, irrespective of the Commissioners' recommendation, because of the strong support of the proposal that has developed over the State. Others have suggested the two plans be withdrawn and a compromise one of $80,000,000 to $90,000,000 be submitted to prevent splitting the bond issue support in the State.

"A division between advocates of the State highway system endangers completion of the system", Senator McCawley said. "I think no program could be adopted that does not have the joint support of the Highway Commission, the Automobile Club of Missouri and those who are justly demanding a system of farm-to-market roads. It is to be hoped there forces speedily will reach a basis of agreement. Two propositions on the ballot will almost certainly result in defeat of both".

McCawley, as chairman of the Senate Roads and Highways Committee, last winer introduced in the Legislature a proposed amendment to the Constitution, authorizing a $120,000,000 bond issue. It was backed by the Automobile Club and others and was very similar to the proposal the Automobile Club now plans to submit through the initiative.

The measure introduced by McCawley was passed by the Senate and was approved by the House Roads and Highways Committee, but was delayed in the House and did not reach a vote in the eleventh-hour preceding adjournment.

"From information coming to me, there is an overwhelming sentiment for completion of the system as now projected", McCawley said, "and construction of a system of farm-to-market roads in each county. The people, while acknowledging the valuable services of the Automobile Club and having unlimited faith in its recommendations, at the same time want to support such proposals as the State Highway Commission shall unanimously recommend. Which, of course, means that the present serious situation by all means ought to be solved on a basis of mutual concessions.

"The adoption of an amendment to the Constitution like the enactment of a law by the Geheral Assembly necesarrily requires that we approach the task with a spirit of give and take. By all means let us find a basis of agreement".

Making a clock that has no steel parts and needs no oiling is now possible through a new alloy perfected by an English inventor.

A bruise on his heel a month ago has resulted in the amputation of W. L. Holcomb's right leg. Holcomb resides at Dexter. He was taken to a hospital at Poplar Bluff in a critical condition from blood poisoning which developed from the wound. His recovery is considered doubtful.

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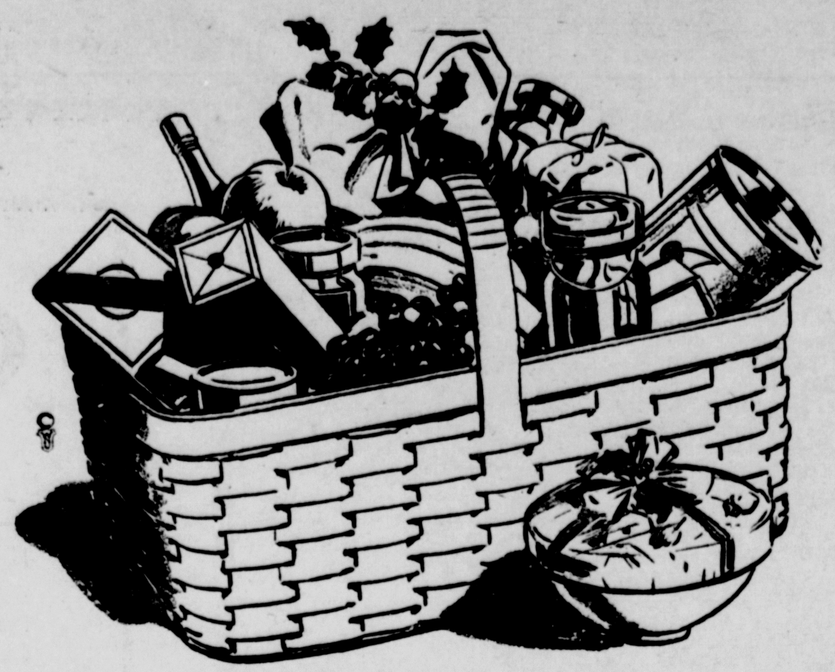

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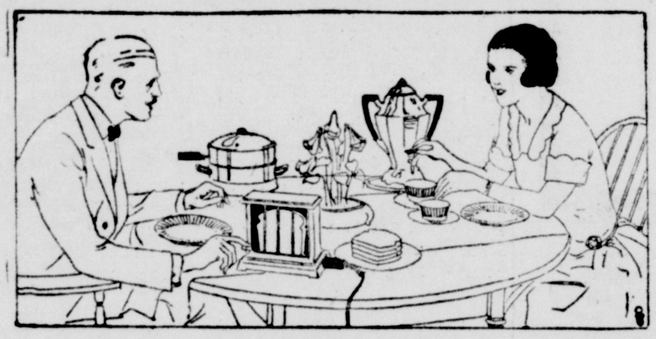

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PROCLAMATION OF MAYOR OF CITY OF SIKESTON SUBMITTING THE QUESTION OF ORGANIZING THE CITY OF SIKESTON INTO ALTERNATIVE OR COMMISSION FORM OF GOVERNMENT.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, a petition of the qualified electors of the City of Sikeston equal in number to twenty-five per cent of the votes cast for all candidates for Mayor at the last preceeding city election of said city has been submitted to the Mayor of said City of Sikeston for organizing the said City of Sikeston into Alternative or Commission form of government as provided in Article V., Chapter 72, of the Laws of Missouri, 1919, and amendments thereto, and,

WHEREAS, it is the duty of said Mayor under the law, upon the filing of said petition, to submit to the qualified voters of said City the question of organizing as a city under said Article V., Chapter 72 of the Laws of Missouri, 1919, and amendments thereto,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, N. E. Fuchs, Mayor of the City of Sikeston, Missouri, as required by law and by authority of the aforesaid petition, do hereby call a special election to be held in the four separate wards of said City of Sikeston on

TUESDAY, THE 10TH DAY OF JANUARY, 1928

for the purpose of submitting to the qualified voters of said city the proposition of organizing said city under the Alternative or Commission Form of Government as provided in said Article V. Chapter 72, and amendments thereto, of the laws of Missouri, 1919.

The voting place in each of the four wards of said City of Sikeston, Missouri, on said date will be at the following places:—

Ward One at the City Hall.
Ward Two at Boyers Garage.
Ward Three at the Ford Garage.
Ward Four at the office of E. C. Robinson Lumber Co.

The polls will be open for receiving votes at said special election on the date hereinbefore mentioned in all the voting places prescribed herein from six o'clock in the forenoon until seven o'clock in the afternoon.

Done at my office in Sikeston, Missouri, this 12th day of December, 1927.

(SEAL)

N. E. FUCHS,
Mayor.

Attest: P. H. STEVENSON,
City Clerk

Notice of Special City Election

Pursuant to an ordinance duly passed by the City Council of the City of Sikeston, Scott County, Mo., and approved by the Mayor of said City, notice is hereby given that a special election will be held in the four different wards of said City of Sikeston on Tuesday, the 10th day of January, 1928, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified voters of said City the proposition of approving or disapproving ordinance No. 1070, as passed by said City Council on the 5th day of December, 1927, granting to Moody and Seagraves, a co-partnership, a franchise to erect the necessary equipment and furnish gas to the City of Sikeston and the inhabitants thereof, which said Ordinance No. 1070, omitting formal portion thereof, is in words and figures, as follows:

"BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIKESTON, MISSOURI, TO-WIT:

Section 1. That there is hereby granted unto MOODY & SEAGRAVES, a co-partnership composed of W. L. Moody, III, and O. R. Seagraves, with offices in St. Louis, State of Missouri, herein called "Grantee", and to Grantee's successors, heirs and assigns, the rights, permission, privilege and franchise for a period of twenty (20) years from an after taking effect of this Ordinance subject to the laws of the State of Missouri now in force or hereinafter enacted, and to the conditions and limitations herein contained to erect, install, construct, reconstruct, repair, own, operate, maintain, manage and control a gas plant and gas distributing systems consisting of pipes, conduits, and other equipment and fixtures necessary, convenient or proper, for the production, transmission, distribution and delivery within the limits of said Municipality of gas for light, heat and power purposes to the said Municipality and its inhabitants.

Section 2. That said Grantee, its successors, heirs and assigns, are hereby granted the right-of-way in, under, over, along and across the streets, sidewalks, alleys, bridges and other highways and public grounds of said Municipality for the purpose of erecting, installing, constructing, reconstructing and repairing, owning, operating maintaining, managing and controlling said gas plant and said gas distributing system.

Section 3. That said grantee shall hold said Municipality free and harmless of and from any and all liability, damages, actions and causes of action, caused by or through the neglect or mismanagement of the grantee in the erection, installation, construction, reconstruction, repair, operation, maintenance, management and control of said gas plant and distribution system.

Section 4. That said Grantee shall not, during the erection, installation, construction, reconstruction, repairing, operating and maintenance of said plant or distribution system, unnecessarily impede public travel on the streets, sidewalks, alleys, bridges and public grounds of said Municipality, and shall leave all of said streets, sidewalks, alleys, bridges and other highways and public ground upon which it may enter for the purposes herein authorized in as good condition as they were at the date of said entry.

Section 5. That if any section or portion of a section of this Ordinance shall be declared null and void by any competent authority, the remaining portions hereof shall not be affected thereby.

Section 6. Nothing herein contained shall ever be held to confer an exclusive right upon the Grantee herein.

Section 7. That in the event the Grantee herein, or its heirs, successors or assigns, shall not begin construction of a gas plant or a gas distributing system for the purpose of distributng gas purisuant to the terms hereof within ninety (90) days after the completion of a pipe line for the transportation of natural gas from the gas fields of Louisiana to the vicinity of St. Louis, Missouri, which the Grantee contemplates constructing, or causing to be constructed, or if the Grantee, its heirs, successors or assigns hereof shall fail to commence operation hereunder within two (2) years after granting hereof, then this franchise shall be forfeited and shall no longer be binding on either of the parties hereto.

Section 8. That this Ordinance shall take effect from and after its passage and approval and consent thereto by the qualified voters according to law".

The voting places in each of the four wards of said City of Sikeston, Missouri, will be at the following places:—

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THIRD WARD: At Ford Garage.
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Done by order of the City Council by an ordinance duly passed and approved on the 12th day of December, 1927.

P. H. STEVENSON,
City Clerk.

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GIRL'S SLAYER IDENTIFED BY FINGER PRINTS

Los Angeles, December 20.—A man believed to be William Edward Hickman, named by the police as the slayer of Marian Parker, driving what the police think is his second stolen automobile, slipped through a tremendous police dragnet this morning and escaped capture by a minute.

So close was the chase that a short time later a report reached police headquarters of his arrest, but it proved a mistake, and upwards of 7,000 peace officers of Southern California continued the drive.

Just before dawn, a blue Cadillac car with wire wheels pulled into a filling station on West Sixth street. The driver asked for five gallons of gasoline, got it and requested a new bulb for one of his headlights. While the attendant was inside the building getting the light, the big blue car pulled out at top speed.

Jack Woods, the attendant, jumped into his automobile nad gave chase not for a fugitive with $100,000 on his head, but to collect $1.03 for gasoline.

At top speed the two cars thundered down Sxith street to Broadway, the main business artery of the city.

They swung into Broadway going north with the fugitive gaining. Some one telephoned police about the mad chase which was headed almost directly for the headquarters of Herman H. Cline, chief of detectives, in charge of the manhunt. It was Cline who last night announced that the man sought for the killing was Hickman, once employed in the bank where the girl's father was an official.

The detective chief threw a squad of 100 officers into the street at a moment's notice. Before they could reach that intersection, the fugitive, without slowing down, spun east and escaped in the darkness. Later word said Hickman was the fugitive, judging from the photographs at police headquartres.

Meanwhile a heavy guard was thrown around Central police station where a man whose name was not divulged but who is said by Cline to have been an intermediary between the abductor and the Parker family, is being held. This man, an aviation enthusiast, came here recently from Kansas City, former home of Hickman.

Mutterings of violence prompted the development of the station guard.

A false report that William Edw. Hickman, sought as the slayer, had been captured threw the Central station into confusion just before 8 a. m. The fever hea t of one of the greatest manhunts on record broke only for a minute or two, however, and the great drive went on again as word came that the report was wrong.

The intensive search, given impetus by the fact that a price of $100,000 had been placed on his head, got under way this morning after the police had announced William Edward Hickman, former employe of the Los Angeles First Trust and Savings Bank, had been positively identified through finger prints and photographs as the slayer of the 12-year-old daughter of Perry Parker, an officer of the bnak.

Chief of Detectives Herman Cline made public the findings of his investigation after police had visited the youth's home in Alhambra, Cal., and learned that the young man was not there. His mother, Mrs. Eva M. Hickman, lives in Kansas City.

The motive for kidnapping, slaying and dissection of Marian, was supplied in the police hypothesis. Hickman two years ago was given a job in the bank. He worked as a clerk until six months ago when arrested for forgery.

Admitted having traced signatures from checks entrusted in his care, the youth confessed and was paroled to his mother. Police believe Hickman got the erroneous impression that Parker had opposed his application for parole and had urged a prison sentence.

After having chased thousands of false clues, the police satisfied themselves this morning that Hickman was the man wanted. Finger prints taken from the ransom notes and from the wheel of the killer's automobile were found to correspond with those taken by the police two years ago when he was "mugged" for the forgery charges.

Hickman's photograph in the police galery was shown to Parker and to Miss Neona Britten, a teacher at Marian's school. Miss Britten said the photo was the man who came and tricked the school authorities into delivering the little girl into his hands.

As a further connecting link the police discovered that the killer's automobile was one which had been stolen from Dr. Herbert L. Mantz in Kansas City last fall. The car later turned up in San Diego, with a license taken from a stolen California Ford. Then it developed that Dr. Mantz's Kansas City home is near that of the Hickmans.

On the strength of that information the police abandoned all other leads and today centered their entire effort on the possibility of laying their hands on Young Hickman.

Press associations and newspapers were taken into the confidence of the police, told that the killer of Marian Parker had been identified and were asked to refrain from broadcasting the news until it was found whether or not the fugitive from justice was in Los Angeles or viciniy.

When it was discovered that Hickman apparently had gone, the lid was lifted and the man hunt started afresh, but this time it had a definite objective.

Court records revealed that altho' Hickman pleaded guilty to the forgery charge in Superior Court, the case went into Juvenile Court when his mother swore he was only 18 years of age. The youth had told the officers he was older.

He made application for probation and the application went to Parker for approval. Parker was busy at the time and sent one of his assistants to talk to the boy and probation officials. The application of Young Hickman then was signed by Parker's assistant.

Police believe that Hickman, knowing that Parker was to have signed the application and seeing another man's signature on the document thought that Parker had refused to approve his plea and had opposed the probation.

When Hickman, upon being placed on probation, made application for reinstatement in the bank, officials refused this. Approval of this application was not within Parker's jurisdiction.

Police believe that the youth, brooding over what he thought was the wrong done him by Parker, planned the kidnaping and gruesome murder in revenge.

Harold Pitman of Kennett spent a few days in Sikeston this week visiting boy friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Emory Baker of Chicago will arrived Friday morning to spend the holidays with homefolks.

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Jefferson City, December 19.—Too many dairy cows are being sold by Missouri farmers at prices not as high as in other dairy centers, and shipped from the dairy centers, of this State, E. G. Bennett, State Dairy Commissioner, warned in his annual report for 1927, made public today.

Almost entire freedom of Missouri dairy cattle from utberculosis may be one of the reasons why so many are being bought and shipped to other states, says hte report. Another reason, it is reported, is that Missouri dairymen evidently are selling their cows at too reasonable a figure.

Commissioner Bennett declares a strong demand for dairy stock prevailed over the entire country in 1927, due to ordinances in many Eastern and Northern cities requiring that cows of dairymen be tested for tuberculosis. Many were condtmned and slaughtered and had to be replaced.

"Buyers for cows from sections where a sharp advance in prices due to the abnormal demand, making their regular buying trips, found prices almost prohibitive, and many found their way to Missouri, resulting in rather an alarming number of dairy cattle being shipped out of this state", the report says.

"Jasper County reports more than sixty carloads shipped since July 1, 1927, and several other counties report unusual activity in dairy cattle movements to other states. Where investigations were made it was found that prices received by our farmers were from 25 per cent to 40 per cent less than the same class of cows can be bought for in the dairy centers of the country".

The Greer school will give a Christmas program Friday, December 22, at 7:00 p. m. The program consists of plays, recitations and songs. Following the program will be a box supper and a box of candy will be given to the prettiest girl. Everybody is cordially invited.

Mrs. M. G. Gresham was a visitor to Charleston, Tuesday.

To Those We Serve and To Those Who Serve Us

We extend to you the compliments of the season and wish you a full measure of lasting pleasure originating during the Christmas season and lasting through the days of the new year. And let us thank you, too, for your patronage of the past.

Sikeston Cleaning Company

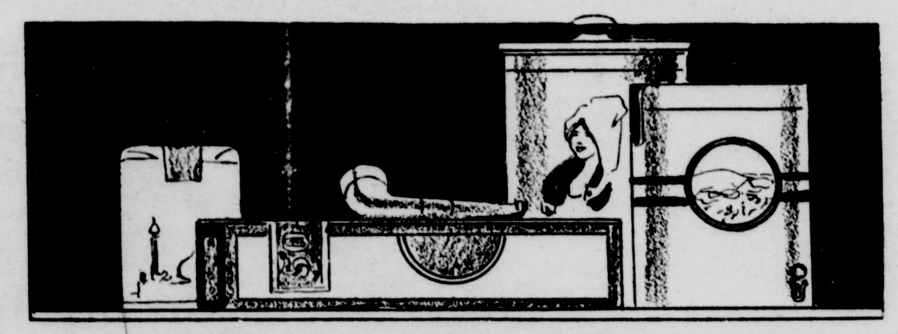
"We Clean What Others Try"

Christmas Time Is Candy Time

Sure enough, what's Christmas without candy? Might as well have Christmas without Santa Claus, and toys and trees! And Christmas calls for all sorts of candies;

Hard Candies, Bon Bons, Chocolates, Chocolate Bars Candied Popcorn, Nuts and Christmas Novelties

All on display at our store and all at a price that will allow you to buy plenty for the children and grownups. Special prices to churches clubs, etc.



The Standard Gifts for Christmas

Cigars and Tobacco

There's no question of the appropriateness of Cigars, Cigarettes or Pipe Tobacco as Yuletide remembrances for your friends. These articles are welcome and inexpensive.

Our Special Christmas Stocks Offer a Wide Selection in 25 and 50 Cigars in Christmas Packages.

All Standard Cigars, Cigarettes and Smoking Tobacco.

Pipes of all Makes and Shapes at Prices to Suit You.

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Good material and good workmanship in a tire must be paid for. You can't have quality and a "long discount," too. Years ago, Goodyear decided for quality. Why don't you? Come in and see us.

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Toy Town

For Toys, Dolls, Towel Sets, Toilet Sets, Handkerchiefs, Bedroom Slippers, Games, Hose, Stationery, Gift Goods and Candy.

We Will Be Closed All Day December 26, 1927

May Old Saint Nick With a Pack on His Back

Unload at your door Christmas Day enough happiness, smiles, health and wealth to supply you each day of 1928.

Peek's Variety 5 & 10c Store

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GOVERNOR SEEKS COMPROMISE ON ROAD BOND ISSUE

Jefferson City, December 20.—Gov Baker this afternoon urged a compromise between the $120,000,000 additional road bond issue, advocated by the Automobile Club of Missouri, and the opposing one of $60,000,000, backed by the State Highway Commission almost on the eve of separate conferences of the two groups in St. Louis tomorrow to discuss their respective proposals.

The Governor wrote letters to C. D. Matthews of Sikeston, chairman of the State Highway Commission and Roy A. Britton, president of the Automobile Club, urging them to "get together" on a basis of mutual concession, and to go before the voters on a proposal with a united front.

Gov. Baker's statement comes after it had been indicated he would take no part in the dispute.

While the Governor's letter to Matthews said he was "just throwing out a suggestion", it will have considerable weight with the commission. In answer to a criticism that the administration had a part in the commission's sudden recommendation of $60,000,000 proposal, thereby ignoring the $120,000,000 proposal of the Automobile Club, Gov. Baker said, "I simply mentioned to the commission that I felt that the commission should make a recommendation to the people.

"You have done this", the Governor continued in the letter to Matthews, "but it would be extremely hazardous to the road program for two propositions to go before the people".

"There may be a disposition on the part of some to compromise in a way to get what they want. However, I believe that all real friends of the road program would be interested in a real compromise and I believe that if you and Maj. Britton, who is at the head of the Automobile Club of Missouri would get together, that you would be willing to give and take and go before the people with a united front, with a proposition that would easily go over.

"I am just throwing this out as a suggestion, and the same letter is being sent to Maj. Britton. I believe that the people of the State have sufficient confidence in both you and Maj. Britton that whatever you would decide upon would have considerable weight. If I can assist in any way in bringing about this compromise, do not hesitate to call upon me".

Compromise of the differences was urged here yesterday by State Senator A. T. McCawley of Carthage, chairman of the Senate Roads and Highways Committee of the 1927 Legislature.

Members of the Highway Commission plan to meet in St. Louis tomorrow to discuss details of the $60,000,000 proposal. It is understood the Automobile Club is to have similar conference about that itme on the $120,000,000 plan.

Forgive and forget sounds well, but most folks are for getting than for giving.—Wall Street Journal.

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THE GIFT SHOP
Derris—The Druggist

Christmas Baked Goods

WE SPECIALIZE, at Christmas time, on a wonderful assortment of Cakes, Cookies, Pies and Breads for the Holidays. Our display is so complete that you have no difficulty in finding just the items you want. Should you, however, wish something special, we will be glad to give your order our most careful attention.

Order Your Fruit Cake Today, Phone 62 for Prompt Baked Goods Service

May Your Christmas and New Year Be Happy

Reaching back through the space of years our "family" of patrons looms up as a big one. Some of you have grown to riper ages and even some have grown up in the friendship of this business and they too are our patrons.

To know that we have given you the best of our ability in conscientious service and true values always brings peace of mind and satisfied hearts.

As we look to the New Year we are thinking and planning of better means to please you and to enlarge our "family circle" of pleased patrons.

SCHORLE BROTHERS BAKERY

REED WON'T SEEK SENATE SEAT, SAYS SAM W. FORDYCE

Washington, December 20.—Samuel W. Fordyce, chairman of the Democratic State Committee of Missouri and a close personal friend to Senator Reed, issued a statement here today saying that under no circumstances would Reed run again for the Senate. Fordyce added that Reed's friends were working to have him nominated for the presidency, and that Reed, while not himself seeking the nomination, was aware of their activity for him.

The statement was as follows: 'Several months ago a small group of Missourians, feeling that with Senator James A. Reed as our candidate for President, the country could again have the benefit of a Democratic administration, determined to ascertain Democratic sentiment in other states. Theirs was a fact finding investigation and not an attempt to disseminate propaganda....

"Surprisingly encouraged by a wide-spread demand for Senator Reed to allow his name to go before the convention, they urged him to permit such use of his name.

'Following an enthusiastic indorsement for Senator Reed at a state wide mass meeting in October, an active campaign was started and is now well under way. Great pressure has been brought to persuade him to also file for renomination for the Senate, which under our law must be done before June, 1928.

"I can state, however, that he will not under any circumstances again become a candidate, for the Senate "I am issuing this time because of persistent rumors, started presumably by certain metropolitan newspapers, that Senator Reed is not seeking the nomination for President While it is perfectly true that he is not seeking the nomination, I wish to state most emphatically that his friends are seeking it for him and that he is cognizant of the fact. We shall do everything in our power to acquaint the people with Senator Reed's record and explain the reasons for our firm conviction that he can be nominated and will be elected. By doing so, we believe that we will perform a great service to the Democratic party and to the people.

"Of Partisan Democrats and independent voters who believe in the fundamental principles on which the Democratic party was founded, we ask the following questions:

"What other Democrat can surely carry Missouri as well as the Solid South in 1928? Do they realize that Roosevelt, Harding and Coolidge all carried Missouri?

"What other Democrat has as good a chance to carry the 'doubtful' states of West Virginia, Kentucky, Indiana, Oklahoma and Kansas?

"What other Democrat appeals so strongly to the Northwestern states lying between the Pacific and the Great Lakes? We present the name of Senator James A. Reed, not only because of all Democrats whose names have heretofore been mentioned at the chances of his election are the best, but because as President he would rank with the great men who have honored that office in the past, and because he would perform the duties imposed upon him with the knowledge of national affairs developed his 17 years of appearance as Senator, with the intelligence nature has given him and that industry and education have developed; with the fairness and justice that can spring only from a noble nature such as his; with innate courage and above all with uncompromising honesty and ardent love of country.

"No one need be in any doubt as to Senator Reed's views on any problems confronting the nation, as his record is made.

"From it we have learned that if he is elected President no action will be taken by him that will be injurious to legitimate business; that he will be the zealous guardian of the rights of property and of the right to honestly acquire property without undue interference by meddlesome Governmental bureaus; that the Government will only exercise the functions intended for it by its founders; that he will continue to be the champion of honest elections and that he will appoint men to high official positions men of whose honesty, integrity and capacity he has first satisfied himself beyond the shade of doubt".

LOCAL AND PERSONAL FROM MATTHEWS

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Shelton and family visited their daughter, Mrs. Bob Duckworth and family at Risco, Sunday.

Mrs. G. F. Deane and daughter, Miss Frankie, spent Saturday in New Madrid, the guests of their daughter and sister, Mrs. Aubrey Lurmit and family.

Mrs. H. A. Woods and brother, Gobel Owen, spent Wednesday at Catron.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Revelle of Flint, Mich., arrived in Matthews, on Saturday, to spend the holidays with their parents.

Will Mann of New Madrid was in Matthews last Thursday.

Presiding Elder Rev, Montgomery preached at the Methodist church on Sunday morning. He held the first quarter conference here at 2:30 in the afternoon.

Misses Ella Ruth Fletcher, Lillith Deane, and Mrs. Roy Alsup shopped in Cape Girardeau, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. O. K. Mainord, Mrs. Nannie Mainord and Miss Madge Mainord of New Madrid, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Steele, Sunday.

The basketball teams of both boys and girls went to Portageville Friday to play. Matthews' teams won both games.

Miss Ruth Cullie left Friday for her home in Tulsa, Okla., to spend the holidays.

Misses Elizabeth Brackel and Thelma Davis shopped in Cape Girardeau Saturday.

Mrs. Ben Sells was hostess to the Rook Club Friday afternoon. Mrs. Wm. Critchlow, Mrs. Jerry Caverno and Mrs. George Arterburn of Sikeston were the guests. Mrs. Arterburn was given the prize, a candle stick and candle. Mrs. G. D. Englehart received the consolation prize, a bottle of perfume. Refreshments were served.

East Prairie Order of Eastern Star, No. 400, held installation of the following officers: Mrs. R. A. Doyle, worthy matron; J. W. Nelson, worthy patron; Mrs. E. C. DeField, associate matron; Mrs. R. D. Watson, conductress; Mrs. J. R. Presson, associate conductress; Miss Mollie Friedman, secretary; Mrs. J. H. Nelson, treasurer.

Tapestries dating back to the middle of the sixteenth century and among the finest specimens of this art are to be seen in the Jerusalem Chamber at Westminster Abbey.

To give motorists clear vision a disk of transparent material has been invented to be fastened inside a windshied to prevent frost or steaming or outside to repel snow.

Light rivaling daylight can be obtained indoors for making photographs with a light weight portable arc lamp that can be plugged into any light socket.

There are only two tobacco plantations in England, one being in Hampshire and covering 20 acres. The leaves are made into cigars, cigarettes and pipe tobacco.

Notice of Administration

Notice Is Hereby Given, That Letters of Administration on the estate of William Y. Hitt, deceased, were granted to the undersigned on the 14th day of December, 1927, by the Probate Court of Scott County, Missouri.

All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them to me for allowance within six months after the date of said letters, or they may be precluded from any benefit of such estate; and if such claims be not exhibited within one year from the date of said letters, they shall be forever barred.

MRS. E. A. LAWRENCE
Administratrix.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Probate Court of Scott County.
(SEAL)

THOS. B. DUDLEY,
Probate Judge.

Exide BATTERIES

Make your old battery last longer by skilful repair work. Bring it here.

Sensenbaugh's Super Service Station

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Regular services—Every second and fourth Sunday.

Sunday school—Every Sunday, at 10:00 a. m.

Everybody cordially invited to attend every service.

A. E. RAY, Pastor.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Bible School—9:45 a. m.
Public Worship—7:00 p. m.
Prayer Meeting—Thursday, 7 p. m.

Are you attending church? If not, you are cordially invited to attend our services. Everybody welcome.

R. C. ROGERS, Pastor.

Sikeston Standard, $1.50 per year

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HELLO FOLKS
For
A Merry Christmas
and
A Happy and Prosperous New Year
Your County Treasurer
GEO. J. ARNOLD

There Is No Better Gift Than a Spare or a

Set of Cupples Rhino Cords

Most men are more proud of their car than any other thing they own, so it is only natural that they should appreciate, above all else, a gift of some article that can be used on that car.

We Are Exclusive Distributors of

Shell Extra Dry Gasoline

Health and Happiness

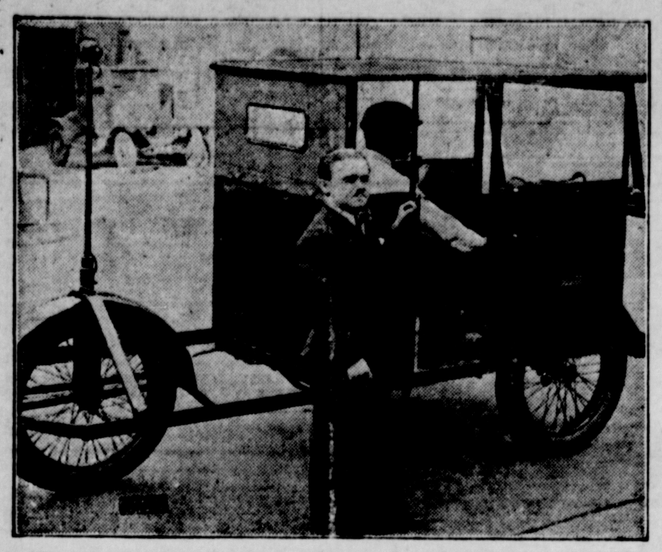
and May Christmas Cheer Be Yours

All the joys and happiness of the Christmas season to our many friends and patrons. For your very liberal patronage during 1927 we wish to express our appreciation with the assurance of ever increasing service during 1928.

PHONE 358

CARROLL'S TIRE STATION
Road and Drive-In Service

ATHLETIC AUTOMOBILE IS MOTORLESS



What is called an athletic automobile is being used by Elmo DeVora and his manager, P. DeCarmo, in touring the United States. DeVora is a wrestler and the athletic automobile is pedaled by hand and steered by the feet. DeVora contends that by using his hands and shoulders it conditions him as an athlete. The photograph shows DeVora inside the car with his manager outside.

AGAIN ADVOCATES ROAD COURTESY

Giving of Proper Signals in Intelligent Manner Is Often Overlooked.

Highway courtesy and co-operation are ideals that constantly are laid before motordom in the campaign for safer highways. One of the chief difficulties standing in the way of their attainment by motorists generally is the failure of their advocates, in too many instances, to define precisely what is meant by the term, says a statement issued by national headquarters of the American Automobile association.

"As one of the most enthusiastic and persistent advocates of these ideals, the American Automobile association has submitted a questionnaire to its clubs executives in 928 communities in an effort to get an accurate and up-to-the-minute definition of courtesy and co-operation between motorists," says the statement.

Signals Are Important.

"Co-operation and courtesy apparently begin with the giving of signals," says the statement. "Virtually all of the replies to the questionnaire emhasized this point and, undoubtedly, a large majority of motorists will agree with its primary importance. For with millions using the nation's highways, it is obvious that one driver cannot, with safety, leave another in doubt as to his intentions. The carelessly given signal is almost as bad as no signal at all. Yet many thousands of motorists do not realize that they are being discourteous, to say the least, when they fail to give the signal that is clear.

"The giving of signals does not stop with those involving the extended arm," the statement points out. "Parking lights are very important signals that frequently are overlooked, the A. A. A. finds. To leave a car without a light to inform other motorists of its presence is to invite them to what may be physical disaster. From this, it may be seen that there is much more to using the parking light than merely escaping a visit to traffic court."

Many Ways to Co-Operate.

In actual operation of the car on the street or highway, there are many ways to co-operate. These are known to virtually every driver, but many fail to make use of their knowledge in co-operating with other motorists, the statement says.

Yosemite Park Records Broken for This Year

Surpassing all yearly attendance records, Yosemite closed the 1926-1927 travel season on September 30 with a total of 490,430 visitors, an increase of 79 per cent over the year previous, when only 274,209 visitors registered at the various park entrances.

A study of the travel season just closed reveals 444,786 persons entering the park in motor vehicles, as compared to the 234,567 visitors that were brought to Yosemite during the 1925-1926 travel season in 74,970 motor vehiclese.

Park authorities are positive that the phenomenal increase for the season just closed is due primarily to the new all-year road enabling the automobile owner to drive to Yosemite 365 days in the year.

Gasoline Evaporation Spoiled Station Profit

Gasoline service stalon owners in New Jersey lost approximately $50,000 through evaporation and leakage when they attempted to take advantage of the 2-cent tax on gasoline which became effective in that state on July 1 last. Several weeks before the tax went into effect retail distributors stocked up, as all gas delivered before July 1 was free of tax. It is estimated that while some dealers made a profit by pocketing the 2 cents, the loss to some of the bigger concerns was heavy.

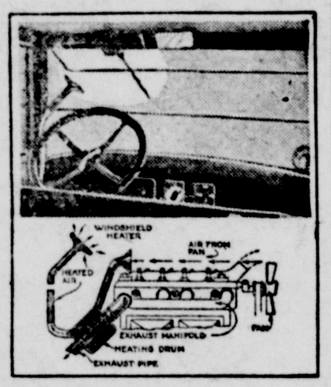
Chinese Jay-Walkers Are Being Educated

Chinese jay-walkers are being educated by professional story tellers, employed by the government, who deliver talks on the Shanghai streets. Here's one of their tales:

"Now, the swift motor car and the clanging street car are just like tigers, and if you do not take care to watch the policeman at the corner and obey his signals you will not live to grow up and acquire many sons, but will be killed, and your sons, too, so that your ancestral tablets will be untended. The road is like a tiger's mouth; from its center keep away."

Homemade Heater Melts Snow on a Windshield

No wiper will keep your windshield clear when snow freezes to everything it touches. Then you must apply heat to melt the snow. The illustration shows a homemade hot-air heater applied to the exhaust pipe. A funnel arrangement with the opening toward the fan forces air through the stove,



When Sleet or Snow Begins to Stick, You Need a Windshield Heater to Make Driving Safe. As Shown in This Illustration, the Windshield Is Heated by Hot Air Supplied by a Special Exhaust Pipe Stove and Old Vacuum-Cleaner Parts.

up an old vacuum-cleaner hose and out the nozzle, also a vacuum-cleaner part. The air keeps the glass above the freezing point, enabling the wiper to work. Some experimenting will get the nozzle the right distance from the glass.—Popular Science Monthly.

Auto Can Stop Quicker Than a Fast Locomotive

A traffic expert states that a train running only 40 miles an hour requires 1,320 feet in which to stop, whereas the ordinary motor car running at the same speed can be stopped in 93 feet and it requires but a few seconds. It can plainly be seen from this that the burden of avoiding accidents rests almost solely with the motorist. The engineer of the locomotive is powerless, regardless of his vigilance, precaution and skill. About all he can do is pull on the whistle cord and shudder as some one "races" him to the crossing.

AUTOMOBILE HINTS

California reduced its motor fatality record 12 per cent last year.

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"Hogs are little changed," heads a market report. They still monopolize the center of the road.

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Be sure your warning horn is working properly. You may have great need for it in an emergency.

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It is now said that the horse has "readjusted himself to the automobile," which is more than some pedestrians have been able to do.

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The wise motorist always has a good spare tire. It is no pleasure to change a tire at any time, but in the cold winter months it is quite a task.

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The Season of Good Cheer and Happiness

FINDS US MINDFUL OF OUR GOOD FRIENDS AND PATRONS SO WE PAUSE TO WISH YOU

A REAL OLD MERRIE CHRISTMAS

And as we do so we like to recall the pleasant dealings of the past year and as the curtains are being drawn on 1927 we find much to feel thankful for. We value the friendship and confidence of the people and will be found always striving hard not to disappoint you in any way.

So we come in this season of happiness and rejoicing to take the opportunity to sincerely thank you for your patronage and good will and to extend to you our sincere wish that yours will be a Merry Christmas and the New Year one of Happiness, Prosperity and Success. – *THE McCUTCHENS.*

Friday, December 23rd

Afternoon and Evening

Which Do *You* Prefer?

Caveman lover or parlor sheik? Romance on a South Sea Isle or petting in Broadway style? Don't decide until you've seen Handsome Lloyd Hughes as a Lounge Lizard, Night Club Owl and Golf Hound—and Beautiful Mary Astor as the Gentle Gazelle who tried to make a Lovable Lion out of him! It's the season's brightest comedy-drama!

Saturday, December 24

Continuous Show 2:30 to 10:30

Tim McCoy and Marjorie Daw

In

"Spoilers of the West"

Thursday, December 29

Aileen Pringle and Lew Cody

In

"TEA FOR THREE"

ADDED ATTRACTION

ROWLAND FENTON AND HIS Paradise Garden Orchestra On the Stage

Monday and Tuesday, December 26 and 27

Afternoon and Evening

We are not going to say a word about "7th Heaven." The hard boiled critics of New York and the trade press have said all that can be said about it. The only trouble is we can give only a line or two from each review.

We commend it as one of the year's great pictures. It is all that the most generous critics have claimed for it, and more. It will write box office history.

WEEKLY FILM REVIEW.

Monday and Tuesday, January 9 and 10

Afternoon and Evening

An Immortal Love Story!

The Greatest Spectacle of Stage or Screen!

From the immortal novel by GEN. LEW WALLACE

Directed by FRED NIBLO

With a cast of thousands headed by RAMON NOVARRO, Betty Bronson, May McAvoy, Carmel Myers, Francis X. Bushman

Adaptation by JUNE MATHIS

Scenario by CAREY WILSON

Presented by Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer

Against the background of mighty drama, thrills such as you wouldn't think possible, is played the Romance of Romances—the love story of Ben-Hur and Esther.

This has been hailed as the greatest picture the screen has ever seen! Stupendous in its power and magnificence, it will sweep you off your feet by its sheer drama! Four years in the making, $4,000,000 to make it!

A METRO-GOLDWYN-MAYER PICTURE

Wednesday, Dec. 28th

Polly Wants a "Cracker"—Jack of a Picture,—and

HERE IT IS

A mighty love story that will bring tears to her eyes—laughs to her lips—and quivering moments of clutched suspense!

Friday, December 30th

Afternoon and Evening

Miss Your Dinner If You Must!
Miss Your Supper If You Must!

But Don't Miss This Feast of Rare Entertainment !

New York and the Ritzy-rich on New Year's Eve—gaiety—glitter—gladness—gold-diggers and a boy who fell hard for them all. But into the turmoil stepped the prince of head-waiters. And the hand that ushered others into the naughty night life was thrust out to protect this boy from it! WHY?

With

LEWIS STONE

LILYAN TASHMAN, PRISCILLA BONNER, ROBERT AGNEW, ANN RORK and JOHN PATRICK

Adapted by Jane Murfin from the Liberty Magazine story by Viola Brothers Shore and Garrett Fort.

FARM STOCK

OFTEN A LETTER HELPS A FARMER

Sometimes a letter to one of the research or extension authorities prevents a farmer from making some serious mistake in his operation.

For instance one man who has five brood sows that he is using in building up a swine herd wants to know how to feed his pigs. In a letter to Earl H. Hostetler of the North Carolina State college he says: "I am now feeding my own ration of 25 parts of soy-bean meal, 25 parts of corn meal, and 50 parts of wheat bran. Please advise me if this is practical?"

"This ration would possibly be good for brood sows at certain periods," replied Professor Hostetler, "but is an absolute failure for growing or fattening pigs. The 50 per cent bran is largely filler and has practically no food value for hogs. Also the ration as suggested, is too high in protein and would be improved by substituting the corn meal for the wheat bran and by using some fish meal to replace part of the soy-bean meal."

In other words, this hog grower was going ahead with a ration of his own choosing without knowing about the food value of the ingredients used and would probably soon despair because he did not make the gains with his hogs that he had expected to make. Thinking possibly that the agricultural workers of state college had tested out certain rations and food mixtures, he decided to drop a line to get such suggestions as were available. Information was sent to this grower that will help him to make a success with his hog feeding venture and will prevent him from making costly mistakes.

According to Dean I. O. Schaub of the school of agriculture, this is one of the services that the agricultural workers are expected to render. Those who write letters, however, should be sure to sign them correctly and to give their post office addresses in full. Many letters fail to get proper attention because there is no address given.

Comfortable Hog Must Be Fed Right Kind of Feed

A hog that isn't fed a balanced ration will be restless and nervous because of the craving for these elements lacking in its ration. This is what causes a hog to root the pasture, and catch chickens. A hog couldn't be called comfortable in this kind of a condition. Neither will the rate of gain nor economy of gain be satisfactory with an unbalanced ration. The usual farm hog ration is kitchen slop and corn or grain sorghum. On this kind of ration a pig will gain from one-half to three-quarters pound per day, and it takes from 800 to 1,200 pounds of corn to make 100 pounds of gain, whereas a balanced ration will make 100 pounds gain with 300 pounds of corn and 40 to 50 pounds of protein and mineral feeds to balance the ration.

Linseed Meal Reduces Cost of Feeding Pigs

The addition of linseed meal to a ration of corn, tankage, salt and limestone increased the rate of gain of pigs from .75 pound daily to 1.02 pounds daily, and reduced the cost per hundred pounds gain from $6.45 to $6.22 in an Ohio feeding trial reported at the Ohio Live Stock day June 4.

The pigs that did not have linseed meal consumed 421.1 pounds, feed per hundred pounds gain, whereas the pigs having linseed meal consumed only 406.4 pounds. Fourteen and six-tenths pounds of linseed meal replaced 10.5 pounds of tankage for each hundred pounds gain.

Live Stock Facts

It's a live farmer that believes in live stock.

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Polled or dehorned cattle are usually preferred for market production.

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Dehorned cattle are more quiet and cause less disturbance in the feed lot.

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It is safe to say that $1 in the production of 100 pounds of beef can be saved by using silage.

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Horses cannot stand up to hard work on a light grain ration, which forces them to eat too much hay.

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Sheep will do an efficient job of getting the most out of soy beans if they are given free access to them.

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Cattle with horns require more shed room as well as more space at the feed trough and hay rack.

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It isn't enough to water the hogs two or three times per day. Drinking water should be kept before the hogs all the time.

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Feed crops in abundance are available this year as a feed for live stock. Provision should be made to keep the feed in good condition. A silo is the best means of storing green feed for future use.

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THROUGH A WOMAN'S EYES

By JEAN NEWTON

Look Not Upon His Stature

One of my young friends writes me about a problem which, though really old, is ever new to the one into whose life it comes.

She had been undecided between two young men. Then suddenly her doubts cleared and she knew.

The good looking one of more prepossessing appearance had revealed himself as selfish and egotistical. He told her he loved her, but she discovered he could love no one better than he loved himself.

And this revelation helped her, she says, to appreciate the real value of the other man whose fine character and real devotion had earned her admiration and respect, and now she knew her love.

She loves him in spite of his unimpressive manner, in spite of his plainness, in spite of the fact that he is half a head shorter than she.

She knows that his modesty cloaks not only an admirable character, but a mental calibre which must work its way to success. Indeed, she says, he has already known more success than his flashing and conceited rival.

But—"It's the impression he makes. He looks so insignificant, and my friends, thinking that I have not yet decided, do not hesitate to tell me so. Unfortunately I am tall, and this makes all the more conspicuous his small stature and—it is true—his insignificant appearance. My family and my friends say if I married him I would always be conscious of this and would not be happy. Do you think I am making a mistake?"

No!

With all my heart I say to you and to all other girls whose better sense may be waging a like battle with superficiality and false standards—No! Your only mistake is in weighing in the same scales with honor, manliness, worth and true devotion such flimflam as the impressiveness of a man's appearance or the manner of a cavalier.

Certainly, all other things being equal, it would be very nice if we could all be Dianas or Apollo Belvederes. But to choose between such and substantial things!

You are not going to live with an appearance, but with another character and heart. These are the substance that will control, in a great measure, your future happiness. Therefore you must think of them—not of the shell.

Good looks would make a poor substitute for a mentality to pal with yours. If you are at all exacting, they would hardly satisfy your longing for companionship; and as a steady and exclusive diet they are quite likely to pall.

A handsome head will not take the place of the heart that would cherish you or the character that would provide for you and sustain and comfort you in dark as well as in sunny days.

And when you are married a devoted glance from your husband is worth more than his ability to charm other men's wives. Then it is his real self and his attitude to your real self that will count—nothing more.

You are marrying for your happiness—not to impress your friends.

Take the real man who has inspired your love, little girl, and much happiness to you!

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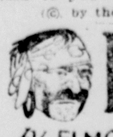

LOOT!

By ELMO SCOTT WATSON

The First Buccaneers

OFF the west coast of the island of San Domingo lies another little dot of land on the blue waters—Tortuga or Turtle island. Insignificant as this island is, it is important historically because it gave to history one of the most notorious types of pirate and to the English language the word "buccaneer."

Early in the Seventeenth century Tortuga was colonized by the French but the colony never prospered. The men who settled there were a reckless, unruly lot and their ranks were augmented from time to time by newcomers from the city slums of other European countries who certainly did not elevate the community's moral tone.

"It was a singular community of savage, surly, fierce and filthy men," writes one historian. "These people went dressed in shirts and pantaloons of coarse linen which they steeped in the blood of animals they slaughtered. They wore round caps, boots of hogskin drawn over their naked feet, and belts of rawhide, in which they stuck their sabers and knives. They also armed themselves with firelocks which threw balls each weighing two ounces.

"The places where they dried and salted their meat were called boucans, and from this term they came to be styled bucaniers, or buccaneers, as we spell it. They were hunters by trade and savages in their habits. They chased and slaughtered horned cattle and trafficked with the flesh, and their favorite food was raw marrow from the bones of the beasts which they shot. They ate and slept on the ground, their table was a stone, their bolster the trunk of a tree and their roof the hot and sparkling heavens of the Antilles."

Although they were harmless enough, if let alone, the Spaniards who owned San Domingo (they called it Hispaniola in those days) were alarmed at the idea of any other nation getting a foothold on their territory and determined to get rid of the wild cattle hunters of Tortuga. So a Spanish expedition drove the buccaniers out, and to make sure they would not return killed the cattle.

Therein Spain made her great mistake. Deprived of their only means of livelihood the bucaniers began joining forces with the other freebooters who were then operating in the West Indies, and the bucaniers became the buccaneers and made their name as great a symbol of terror as the word pirate ever was. The reign of piracy which followed had much to do with weakening the power of Spain in the West Indies and, although France sometimes joined with Spain in trying to wipe out the buccaneers, their efforts were mainly futile. So the buccaneers became an international problem which was not solved for nearly a century.

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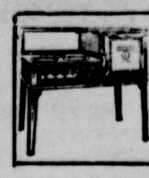

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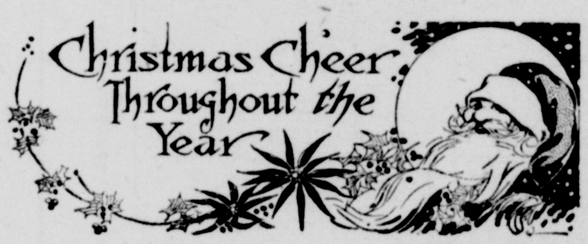

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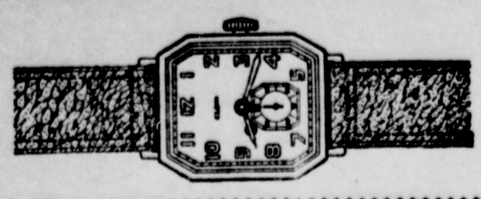

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ART OF BURIAL LIVE SUBJECT IN EGYPTIAN PRACTICE

By Annah Robinson Watson

"What shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" This is by no means a text for a proposed sermon. Far from it, but since the soul has been, from every viewpoint, one of the most potent, as well as the most widely discussed and disputed themes and at the same time the most essential element in life, as well at death and since it is the consciousness of the possession of a soul that has mainly actuated man in the customs and practices of burial, the soul cannot be excluded from such a consideration as the present.

This consciousness may be very vague, the soul though at its best the dominant force, is oftimes submerged, and its recognition by primitive peoples found to be overlaid by imagery, and a crude beauty, but nevertheless with its existence clearly apprehended.

The Indian, who at sunset loosed a captive bird over the grave of his beloved dead, did so with the fancy that the bird would bear upon its wings the liberated spirit to Happy Hunting Grounds.

The disconsolate mourners, who in early days placed their dead in narrow boats and sent them upon lake, river or sea to find their way to the 'Isles of the Blessed", harbored no doubts that such isles, or their equivalent did exist, and that their dear one would abide in them forever.

Doubtless the first man and woman known to us, Adam and Eve, were confronted by a problem. It may be that arcused to the existence of a soul, the gift of Jehovah through the breathing upon them of the breath of life, they may have become, in a sense, cognizant of the mystery of death. Love had flowered in their hearts; the agony of loss had come upon them, and they asked themselves the heart-rending question, "What should they do with their dead?" Their murdered boy lay before them on a meadow slope, the grass of the field his pillow, the winds singing his requiem, the confines of Eden far away. Wherewithal should their their dead be covered from their sight.

But, death soon became a familiar concomitant of life and men, whether through revelation or preconceived conviction, began to take account of their bodies as well as souls and, according to their primitive ideas, to make provision for each during existence after their separation.

Some thousands of years after the accepted date for the existance of intelligent man, we hear of the purchase of a place of burial. It was a cove in a field with trees about it bought from Ephron, the Hittie, for "400 sheckles of silver, current money with the merchants". To this same burial place was Jacob brought from Egypt, after receiving the rites of burial customary there, and long have the eyes of savants been turned to this same cave, the Cave of Macpelah, as the probable receptacle of many wonders of antiquity, there can be no doubt that these will be exhumed in time.

It is not impossible that this cave may contain pre-deluge records which would prove of inestimable value, as bearing upon conditions influencing the life of man in the earliest home of which we know, also of the life of Mesopotamia before the people of Abraham journeyed to the northwest, to Haran. It may not be long before restrictions now preventing entrance of this cave may be modified or removed, and its treasures revealed to the world.

It may safely be asserted that, throughout the ages, respect paid to the dead, and the ceremonials of burial are a trustworthy gauge of the civilization nad enlightment of nations, and among evidences remaining of these ceremonies may be discovered the most reliable facts and data relating to the lives and history of the nations themselves.

Burial in the earth, burning and exposure to the air where birds and beasts aided in disposal of the body, are among the most familiar methods of primitive peoples, but, of all known, the Egyptian elevated the practices connected with burial to the highest plane, and they, more than any other nation, deserve recognition as having made of burial an art. Changes came slowly to the customs and habits of the ancients. Those who have gazed upon the mummied form of a priest who walked the shores of the Nile some thousands of years ago, but now recline in a glass case to be gazed upon by curious crowds among the artistic surroundings of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, will find it ineresting to think that he rceeived the same method of preservation that was accorded Jacob, probably somewhere about 2000 years later.

Interesting, and thought-compelling as these fact may be, the most vital of all is, the certainty that it was the recognition of the soul and its supreme importance which gave rise to Egyptian burial ceremonies. In man instances, the picture on the mummy case was a reproduction of the face of the individual inside; the articles by which it was surrounded were such as the individual had known in life, and which would be immediately recognized by him should he return. There seems to have been absolute belief in the immortality of the soul, and a corresponding effort to preserve the body. The famous 'Book of the Dead' holds this inscription: "The bodies which they have forsaken shall sleep forever in their sepulchers, while they (the soul) rejoice in the presence of God most high".

The priest just mentioned, rivals in antiquity the great King Tutankhamen, so recently signaling to the world across four thousand years, and from the same country, Egypt, from Luxor, more correctly, El Ulvur, one of the group of temples and mausoleums of which El Karnac was the most wonderful. This group is said to have attained its greatest perfection during he eighteenth and nineteenth dynasties. The Exodus is supposed to have occurred during the nineteenth dynasty, and the reign of the most powerful of all the Pharaohs, Rameses Sceond, whose exploits fired the muse of the famous Egyptian poet, Pentaur. It was also this monarch to whom the Hittite king brought conditions of submission inscribed upon a silver tablet. It is impossible with the overlapping of dynasties, and the confusion resulting between achievements of each, to declare the author or founder of the tower in this same collection of buildings from which, it is said, the 'Voice of Memnon" greeted the rising sun on each morning; but, among these buildings were the most magnificent of all places of sepulture the world has known.

With the searchlight just now turned upon Luxor, and directed with such strength toward Egypt, there is a weird fascination in taking counsel with fair Artemidora, daughter of Harpocradorus. She lived, and seems to have died, in the Nile country, and when death came spent the 0 days required, in the solemn tarrying place of the dead, from which she came forth in the elaborate mummy case which may be seen today. There is a beauty and dignity in the features, unmistakably Grecian, and one may gaze long upon them, and into the full and purposeful eyes, asking vague questions to which she grants no reply. Like all Egyptian cases, pillars and panels, her coffin is covered with inscriptions, but of her it tells little, her name, and that of her father, and that she died at 27, about 100 years after the birth of Christ, considerably more than a thousand years ago. According to tradition, St. Mark, the apostle, carried the knowledge of Christianity toE gypt, and it is not impossible that she had heard the new Gospel.

Many of the burial panels were evidently portraits, such is that of a youth preserved in the Metropolian Museum of Art. In panels of this period racial changes in population are conspicuous, the pure Egyptian type being comparatively rare.

The art of embalming, so unquestionably bearing testimony to belief in immorality, was practiced by various nations, and in some countries, such as Peru, soil and climate frequently accomplished a natural embalming, almost as effectual as that produced by artificial processes.

In this country the dead were placed in a sitting posture with faces turned to the west, the supposed abode of the Deity, and of those who were to dwell in the light of His countenance, but the appearance of these mummies, as well as their cases, is much more gruesome and unattractive than those of Egypt. In each country it was the custom to embalm food to be placed with the mummy, fowls of different kinds, easily recognizable today, and with the Peruvian mummies are little sacks of grain, cocoa and corn. This corn has been known to germinate after centuries of burial, as has also wheat found in the mausoleums of Egypt. The Peruvian method of embalming is claimed to be superior to any other, from the fact that the flesh in many insances was wonderfully preserved. Particularly in the case of royal individuals, ancestors of ruling houses, they were dressed in gorgeous regalia, presented at grand functions, and seated at the feasts with sceptre in right hand. So cleverly was this done in the time of the Incas that these royal guests could be recognized by anyone who had known them in life. The historian, De la Vega, and Father Acosta, both bear testimony to this fact. It is further claimed that these embalmed human beings were carried in formal processions and accorded royal honors.

In Peru, as well as in Egyp, there was originally a belief in one all-powerful Divine being. Hymns or prayers are extant that reveal this, such as:

"I adore Him who enables me to endure. I give thanks to Him who has given me strength to endure thus far".

An appropriate thanksgiving this for use among the devout today, and similar declarations are found in many ancient moral tracts, such as the papyrus or Pha-hotep which refers to One God, 'One Supreme Being, self-existent, self-producing, the Creator of Heaven and earth'.

Many of the statues and figures of Egypt represent the kings in attitudes of prayer, of as offering gifts to the gods. Such is that of Thosmes III, supposed to be the builder of the obelisk now in New York City, called Cleopatra's Needle. It cannot fail to enlarge one's mental vision and stimulate his imagination to contemplate such a monument, one upon which, in all probability, Mozes gazed, which was looked upon by Darius, Cambyses Alexander the Great, Mark Antony and Julius Caesar.

Some of the ideas found among the ancient Chinese relating to burial, are marked by a refined and spiritual conception well worthy of note. It was believed among them that the dead returned and held converse with their beloved, though in silence, with no spoken word, and that they were nourished by the fragrance of flowers and the aroma of wine. The crudest and most repugnant customs are perhaps those which obtained in the region of Bombay in more primitive times, such as exposing bodies of the dead upon platforms or stages that beasts or birds of the air might remove them. Among the Hebrews burial in caverns or the earth was the custom, and the devotion and loyalty of Rizaph in watching thru nights and days, with only a bed of sackcloth upon the rocks, near her two sons hanging in mid air, in order to protect them from birds and beasts of prey, has won, through the centuries, admiration and commiseration.

Among the Welsh there was a curious custom of strewing the graves of old maids and of bachelors with thstles, rue and nettles, and in the home where death was present, of turning every mirror to the wall. This was in some way connected in their minds with the departure of the soul, and its separation from the house of clay which had so long been its abiding place. Among both Greeks and Romans the belief prevailed that if the body remained unburied the soul must wander upon the earth 100 years, and for that period be denied entrance into paradise. It is said that Nero was so fearful that this would be the fate of his soul, as the result of the harted felt for him, that he dug his own grave and had it in readiness. His cowardly spirit towards the last was in a constant state of terror, and when political adherents would have hidden him in the Catacombs, he shrank back in horror of the darkness.

The catacombs of different cities and countries have many unique attractions, but those of Rome are of distinctly historic value. In no other are funeral inscriptions given with such minute detail. Date of death, age of individual, occupation, names of parents, and the name of consul presiding at the time, are all included. These great corridors crossing and recrossing were hundreds of miles in length, about six feet high, three feet wide and 50 or 75 feet below the level of the city. At various intervals these passages usually opened into a large vaulted chamber, the private property of some noble family, and decorated with skill and splendor. These chambers were the receptacles of sculptures, paintings, rare vases, bronze statues, and marble sarcophagi, upon the lids of these were chiseled the faces, frequently the figures of those who slept within. Hanging near were lamps of artistic workmanship, which, when lighted,threw a weird and mysterious protest to the invading shadows.

These catacombs were used long before the Christian era, and consequently show many pagan frescoes, paintings and inscriptions, but the most suggestive are those placed there by Christians, which record the tender love of parents to children, of wives and husbands and bear testimony to the fact that affections are the same today as a thousand years ago. These inscriptions might well have been penned yesterday.

"Aurelia: our sweetest daughter, who departed from the world. She lived 15 years and four months. Serverus and Quintius being consuls".

"Here has been laid a sweet spirit, guileless, wise and beautiful, by name Quirace, who lived three years, three months and 18 days".

It seems almost impossible to see the devoted husband whose heart is laid bare in these words:

may it be granted me to behold in

"Grief will always weigh upon me: sleep your revered countenance. My wife, Albana....I grieve, deprived of your support, for our Divine Author gave you to me as a sacred boon".

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LETTER FROM CHAS. HELD

Cleveland, Tenn., Dec. 17, '27

The Sikeston Standard,
Sikeston, Mo.

Dear Sir:

I have enjoyed reading The Standard very much. Am glad to know there is an editor who is not afraid to call white, white and black, black, and show no special favors. Read with very much interest about the Highway controversy and am indeed glad the old Kingshighway was selected. It is the logical route from a financial standpoint, as the road bed is already there and then the traditional history is not to be ignored at all. What would this country be if we ignored all our old traditions, etc., which form a very important part in our country's history? Sikeston is very fortunate indeed to have Mr. Matthews on the Highway Department and I am sure he is trying to do what is best for the country at large, and am confident his few acres bordering the Highway was not considered at all. Mr. Matthews is not that type of man. You and I know when we had th[illegible] type of men, but things in the past ten years are getting different.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas.

Yours Respectfully,
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Child, 2, Burned to Death

Poplar Bluff, December 19.—A childish prank caused the death last night of Olive Marie Avance, 2-year-old daughter of Gus Avance, of Poplar Bluff, yesterday. Her 3-year-old brother found some matches while the mother was out of the house. He set fire to the bed, where the child slept. His screams attracted Mrs. Avance, and when she ran into the building, she found her daughter in the middle of the blazing bed.

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The big family dinners on Thanksgiving and Christmas Days are wonderful affairs. It brings us closer together while living and lets our thoughts turn back to the family meetings when our parents were alive. It gives us joy and adds to the span of life to have our children and our grandchildren at the festal board, all trying to talk at the same time. Oh, boy, if you do not have these family gatherings, start with the first one this Christmas and keep them up for years to come. It is sometimes necessary, and is the usual practice, for those of the family who are married, to assist in preparing and serving the dinners thereby making the cost small to each. Most generally a big spread is set, but it is the sentiment connected with the family reunions that count most. At the editor's home this Christmas Day will find Edna and her family absent at their home in Virginia, Catherine, who is in Washington, will spend the day with Edna, Milton and his wife will be in Atlanta, Ga., but Harry and family, Mary and her family, and Ben from St. Louis and David from Columbia, will be home. Dr. Frank Blanton and family will join us, and with Louis Watkins from the country, and our standby, Charles, Jr., who is with us, there will be fuss enough for all, and we trust, provisions enough. We are glad, however, that Christmas comes but once a year.

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Dear Santa Claus: How we wish you could bring a bountiful supply of health to those who are ill. How we wish that you could do this for Clayton Hinkle, who has been so ill for many months. If you could but do this for him, the rest of us would be satisfied without the few worldly things that we wish for. He has been patient all through his illness and wishes for health and strength to be out in the sunshine. The gloom that settles over the home of the sick is hard to bear and if the Great Santa Claus would not forget him and bring hope and cheer to him, it would please us all.

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We are all mighty glad to see the old metal being removed from the old Ford garage site. It has long been an eye sore and for nearly a year the side walk has been obstructed. The next good news about this corner will be that Roscoe Weltecke will improve the site with a nice fire proof building.

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Miss Mildred Fisher of New London, Mo., niece of The Standard editor, will arrive in Sikeston Saturday afternoon of Christmas week for a few days' visit with the editor's family. Her father, J. P. Fisher, is one of the publishers of the Ralls County Record.

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There is no use to wish for our teachers "well filled stockings" for they appear to be all that now, but The Standard does wish them a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. They deserve the best Santa Claus has in his pack for they are the ones who are training the citizens of the future. Sometimes we think our teachers are not appreciated as much as they should be by the public, and are not taken into our homes as much as they should be. One of the resolves of the editor is to take into our home all of these teachers sometime in the spring and let them see just how some editors live sometimes for one meal. We'll have to wait until we can open the yard for the house will not hold all of them at one time we fear. Anyway, we hope to live through the spring until this good intention is carried out. God bless the teachers. We love them all.

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NORRIS ON HEARST

Not even Mr. Hearst, with his twenty-six newspapers and numerous monthlies, can lightly injure the good name of George W. Norris of Nebraska, the doughtiest member of the United States Senate.

The reputation of the Nebraska Senator, his sturdy character, his nonpartisanship, and his straightforwadrness, are in themselves a sufficient answer to the forged Mexican documents which Hearst first published in his papers and is now trying to defend before a Senate investigating committee. What Hearst has done no member of the Senate would think of doing. Most of those men have at times disagreed with Senator Norris; some of them have clashed with him in bitter parliamentary combat; but none ever ascribed to him a dishonorable motive or weakened his cause by intimating that Senator Norris is not honest.

It took Hearst to do that, and he is already answering for it. The Senator has hurled at the publisher a 3500-word letter in which his judgments are scathing. To Senator Norris the Hearst motive in the matter of the Mexican documents, which allege that $1,215,000 in bribes was paid by Mexico to Senators Borah, Norris, La Follette and Heflin for their friendly attitude toward her, was to involve the United States in war with that country. To Senator Norris it is quite plain from what has come out in the Senate investigation that to have his way in a controversy with Mexico over her new land laws the publisher would involve the peoples of both countries in all the terrible consequences of armed strife.

This is hardly a lighter blow than the one aimed at Senator Norris by Hearst. It is not impossible that an individual with Hearst's immense publicity powers could involve the two countries in war. Few wars have had such an impetus, nor is the motive imputed to him beyond the country's experience with Hearst. The simple fact that he would blacken the names of the four Senators with a story which he says he did not belivee himself shows how journalism has been degraded in his hands. That he would not give these men an opportunity to defend themselves before he published charges that had come to him through the hands of men who represented themselves as thieves, but who probably were forgers, is outside the bounds and practices of journalism everywhere except in the Hearst offices.

There is one point in the Norris letter which ought to convince anybody. It is that Mexico does not have to bribe men like Borah and Norris to win their support. They belong to a group in the Senate which does this sort of thing for nothing. It is their delight to help the under dog. The sympathy which every oppressed nation commands in their breasts is beyond price, nor could an undeserving Mexico buy it. The Mexicans would be fools to pay a million and a quarter dollars for something they already have and have had from the time when Hearst himself was one of their friends.

No more asinine story was ever told, as no more fantastic fiction was ever invented. If Hearst is not ashamed to have impugned the good names of these men, beside which to their type all else is trash, he should be ashamed that his professional judgment of what is credible is so bad as it is.—Post-Dispatch.

Ambassador Of Good Manners

Col. Lindbergh went to two bullfights. That is his answer to the busybodies who tried to persuade him to insult a country and a people that have recognized him with every hospitality and homage.

It is an excellent answer—just about the best possible, and as such might be called typically Lindberghian. For this young man is the eighth wonder of the world. His experience is, of course, without parallel. Never was another youth so tested by the adulation of the crowd and the deference of the mighty. He has acquitted himself incomparably. He has never come within radio distance of a faux pas. If anywhere under the shining sun there is an individual who needs neither a social nor a moral cicerone, Lindbergh is that man.

It is fortunate, beyond compute, that this unique American eagle should have been endowed with such a wealth of talents. He has needed them all, and never, perhaps, was the need greater than in the present instance. An occasion which, it is hoped and believed, will prove a landmark in the relations between Mexico and the United States, might well have been distorted into a rancid memory had Lindbergh been influenced by the miserable counsel of officious impertinence.

Lindbergh has already been commissioned as the Ambassador of Good Will. We presume to confer another distinction—Ambassador of Good Manners.—Post-Dispatch.

Mr. and Mrs. Arden Ellise and babe of Little Rock, Ark., will arrive in Sikeston to spend the holidays with Arden's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy V. Ellise.

Regretable as may be the effect on the feelings of the other three United States Senators wrongfully mentioned in the Hearst scandal, few will deplore the personal suffering it may bring Senator Thomas Heflin of Alabama. It is paying him back in his own coin. Reckless charges made under the immunity the constitution grants a senator speaking in the Senate are Heflin's stock in trade. Anybody who disagrees with him or does anything that may have been the direct cause of some event displeasing to Heflin is branded as the hired tool of some sinister interest. Just the other day Senator Heflin was demanding that Secretary Jardine resign or that the president remove him, together with Lloyd S. Tenny, head of the agricultural department's bureau of agricultural economics, because a cotton report, in the senator's opinion, aided Wall Street gamblers. He asserted his own belief that "Tenny got money for the betrayal of the cotton producers". As a matter of common sense and common decency, Heflin knows that the cotton planters were not betrayed by Tenny and that he got no money for any work he did, except from the government. Heflin did not have anything but foul suspicion on which to base his "belief". When challenged in court, because of his immunity. Any loss of sleep Senator Heflin may suffer as a result of the Hearst sensation will cause no sorrow among the victims of the reckless Albama's own methods.—Poplar Bluff Republican.

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"Gentlemen may prefer blondes" says Flapper Fannie, 'but we all look alike in the dark".—Post Dispatch.

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Miss Effie Sellards will arrive in Sikeston this week to spend Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Sellards.

Mrs. H. W. Baker left last weekend for Memphis, Tenn., whree she will visit with her so nand his family for a month or six weeks.

THE CHRIST CHILD

Minnie Sayers Smith

There the babe of Mary's bosom,
Angels hov' ring o'er His head,
Scintilating heavenly radiance,
O'er the lowly manger bed.

Mary knelt in holy reverance,
Worshiping her saintly Lord,
Instrument of holy patience
To fulfill His sacred word.

Dark the path, so sad and lonely
While on earth our Lord did roam,
Then the light of spiritual glory,
Angels chorus, God, and Home.

Mrs. Earl Johnson is on the sick list this week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Matthews, Jr., will entertain with a family dinner Christmas day. Covers will be laid for Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Corrigan, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Corrigan, William, Susanna, Elizabeth, James and Margaret Corrigan, all of Poplar Bluff; Mr. and Mrs. Jos. L. Matthews and sons, Joe, Jr., and Robert, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Matthews and children, Olga and Edward, Mr. and Mrs. Murray Phillips of New Madrid, Charles Matthews III, and Mrs. Betty Matthews.

It looks as though the wish for the completion of the State Highway System is getting beyond control of those who wish the pay-as-you-go plan, or the $60,000,000 plan, and will go as high as as $120,000,000 unless a compromise is effected. The $60,000,000 will probably complete the road siystem as now laid out in 4 to 6 years, but will not link up the farm-to-market system as desired. Then the claim of the cities is not without merit, and as they pay most of the bill, should be given consideration. They claim the present arteries leading into the cities are insufficient which causes congestion that forces a snail pace within 25 miles of the cities, because of the narrow roadbed. The Automobile Club of Missouri is sponsoring the $120,000,000 bond issue, while the State Highway Commission has recommended the $60,000,000 proposition. Governor Baker, Sen. A. L. McCawley, and other prominent citizens, are asking for a compromise of some sort that all may back the one proposition, as it seems like the entire State wants good roads and wants them now.

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We are in hopes, too, that Santa Claus will leave wads and gobs of encouragement for the farmer, for he certainly needs it. Encourage him to farm differently from what he has been, and encourage him to live off the farm and not out of paper bags and tin cans. Encourage him to refuse the dictates of the landlord and to stand up for his own rights and to be free to plant and raise just what he pleases, just so he pays the rent. Encourage him to refuse to sign any lease that places him in surfdom. Better encourage him to jump in the river than be a slave. And might we ask, too, Santa Claus, to put the pep into landlords to let their land lay idle in prefernece to taking on their land any sort of a farmer who is unable to partially finance himself and likely to prove a failure. If these two parties can get together on a live-and-let-live plain, there will be less grumbling among farmers which will greatly help land values. This may be a curious thing to ask of Santa Clause, but Southeast Missouri needs a new understanding between landlord and tenant.

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When the good people of Sikeston make the rounds to aid those in distress through sickness, lack of employment or for other reasons, please do not overlook our colored folks who may be suffering from the lack of fuel or clothes. Where it is possible, work should be found for those able to work in order that the assistance will not pauperize them. We have to stand together as one big family and help those who are less fortunate.

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The editor came near getting Col. Couey in bad before his family Thursday morning by asking him if he was "keyed up" for Christmas, when the Colonel thought we said "teaed up"! As several were present when the remark was made this explanation is made public.

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The time that is like pulling eye teeth is fast approaching. It is the first of the month when we have to settle for the many things we purchased so liberally on credit to give away to make other people happy, oh, misery, oh, h.

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There will be but one issue of The Standard appear Christmas week, unless something of a startling nature appears, and that will be Thursday afternoon. The editor and office force need the rest and the readers will get a rest.

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Just on the eve of Christmas, the editor wishes to say that he feels kindly toward the masses as well as the asses and wishes all of them a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

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SENATORS CLEAR OF GUILT REPORT OF INVESTIGATORS

Washington, December 19.—After the letter of Senator George W. Norris (Ind.-Rep.) of Nebraska, excoriating W. R. Hearst for publication of alleged Mexican documents reflecting on the honor of four United States Senators, was read in the Senate this afternoon, four of the five members of the Special Senate Committee named to investigate the Hearst charges, individually reported to the Senate that no evidence had been found to connect the four named Senators in the remotest way with the "documents".

The committee members who exonerated the four Senators were Robinson of Arkansas, Democratic leader; Johnson of California (Rep.) Bruce of Maryland (Dem.) and Jones of Washington (Rep.). Chairman David A. Reed (Rep.) of Pennsylvania was out of Washington on a duck hunt.

Senator Robinson declared that it would be unjust to wait until after the holidays to remove the cloud of suspicion that had been put on the four named Senators.

"The evidence discloses conclusively that neither the Senator from Idaho, Mr. Borah; the Senator from Nebraska, Mr. Norris; the Senator for Wisconsin, Mr. LaFollette or the Senator from Alabama, Mr. Heflin, received one dollar or has been tendered one cent in connection with these "documents", Robinson declared.

"All who are concerned in finding the truth concede that these Senators stand uncorrupted and incorruptible. Hearst's sin is not so much that he inconsiderately published "documents" involving Senators who were guiltless, but that he fails to undo, through his agencies of publicity, the wrong he has done.

Senator Johnson of California told the Senate that there never had been and never would be the slightest scintilla of evidence to connect the four Senators in any way, shape or form with the charges made by Hearst. The California Senator declared there was never any justification for printing the documents referring to the Senators, and that the committee would continue its investigation to ascerain what credence should be given the other charges made by the Hearst papers.

"We will determine whether all these documents are forged and spurious", Johnson promised.

Senator Bruce of Maryland said that, while he differed with the four named Senators on many public questions, he knew them to be "irreproachable", unassailable and incorruptible"

He joined with Robinson and Johnson in declaring them guiltless of any faintest connection with the Hearst "documents".

The same thought was forcibly expressed by Senator Jones of Washington, who said there was not a single shred of "evidence against the four Senators. He was glad he said, to join the other Senators in their encomiums on the four.

"It takes years to build a reputation that will stand the constant beating of the white light of publicity. One who has accomplished that aim has achieved something worth while, something valuable beyond price. There are sufficient instances founded upon fact to undermine the public confidence in officials of the Government. Whenever the public believes that men who serve them are corrupt, that opinion will reflect itself in revolution, in processes of destruction.

"It is right and proper that corruption should be exposed and scourged from public life. It is a pity that Hearst, with his newspapers extending coast to coast, has not employed them to expose corruption that is known to exist. It is a pity that a mighty genius that has amassed millions should seek to establish his renown by trying to bring dishonor upon men who are pure and honest".

Papers from files of offices in Mexico City may be sought by the special Senate investigating committee in its check against documents supposed to have been taken from there purporting to show that a fund was provided for four United States Senators.

This possible move was given as one reason for the postponement of further hearings by the committee until December 27. After a long conference with Under-Secretary Olds of the State Department, the committee sent out for additional papers, declining to give details of its quest.

Opening a widespread secret inquiry after three days of open hearings, Senator Reed (Rep.) Pennsylvania, chairman of the special committee, announced that the committee had reached no conclusion as to the genuineness of the documents which were published in Hearst papers.

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Local and Personal

Miss Ruby Evans will spend Christmas with homefolks at Rocheport, Mo.

Mr. and Mrs. Hal Galeener will entertain with a family dinner Christmas day.

W. T. Jones and M. G. Gresham were business visitors to New Madrid, Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Matthews, Jr., returned from a short visit to Memphis, Monday evening.

Mrs. Ralph Carson of Charleston was the guest of Mrs. Emory Matthews Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Bandy of Charleston are spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Albert Shields.

Lynn Smith arrived Tuesday from Columbia to spend the holidays with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. H. L. Smith.

Joe Hunter Allen of St. Joe will join his wife and little son here the last of this week to visit for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Burns and little son will spend Christmas with Mrs. Burns' parents, at Cape Girardeau.

Misses Nell Yanson and Hontis Lee and Herschel Tyre of Cape Girardeau are spending the holidays with their parents.

Mrs. Tom Allen and little daughter will leave Sunday night for a ten days' visit with her parents in Columbia, Mo.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Barrett will go to Doniphan Christmas afternoon and spend the night and Monday with Mr. Barrett's mother.

Mrs. Josephine Veith, of the high school faculty, will spend the Christmas holidays at Diehlstadt, as the guest of her brother.

Jim Derris arrived from Alton, Ill., the first of the week, to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter E. Derris.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Matthews of Portageville and G. W. Van Lear of Charleston will be Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Emory Matthews.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Young and family will spend Christmas Day in Poplar Bluff as the guests of Mrs. Young's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Penny.

There will be a family gathering at the home of Mrs. Ella Old on Christmas Eve. A Christmas tree and gifts for the children will be in order.

H. J. Welsh was called to Morehouse Tuesday, to prepare the body of James Twitty, who died from wounds after being stabbed last Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Brady, located at Camden, Ark., are expected Thursday to spend the holidays with Mrs. Brady's mother, Mrs. Mary Griffith and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Bowman will entertain for Christmas dinner: Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Cox and son, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Matthews and children and E. C. Wilson of Dexter.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Old and children of Memphis, Tenn., and Mrs. Hattie E. Legg of Portland, Ore., will arrive Saturday and spend Christmas with the former's mother, Mrs. Ella Old.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Gipson and family of Springfield, Mo., will arrive the last of the week to spend the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Gipson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Young.

Lacy Hamby of Detroit, Mich., who has been visiting his brothers, W. L. Hamby and Lem Hamby, in the Morley neighborhood, spent Monday in Sikeston with Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Barger.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Allen are expecting the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Britton, her grandfather, H. E. Collins, Raymond Britton, Vera and Ruth Britton, all of Cairo, to spend Christmas day with them.

Paul Denman of Florida, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Denman of De Moines, Ia. and Dr. and Mrs. Ancel Bomer and babe of Poplar Bluff will be guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Denman for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Tanner and Miss Myra Tanner will have the following guests for dinner Christmas Day: Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Barrett, Mr. Barrett, of Cape Girardeau, Mr. and Mrs. Randol Wilson and children, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Dorsey, R. D. Wilson and Mrs. L. D. Candry of Gillespie, Ill.

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CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT ST. FRANCIS XAVIER'S CHURCH

Masses at St. Francis Xavier's Church will begin with a High Mass at Midnight.

The unusual program will include Christmas carols, processional, Silent Night, Holy Night, Grunber, Kyrie, Gloria and Credo from Battman's Mass in F.

Offetory Venito Adoremus Gilsinn The Sanctus, Benedictus and Agnus Dei will also be from Battman's Mass in F.

Communion, Adeste Fidelis

Recessional, Night of His Birth.

Low Mass at 7:30. Christmas carols sung by children's choir.

High Mass at 8. The Mass music will be the same as the Midnight Mass program.

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament after 8 o'clock Mass:

Salutaris—Wallace.

Tantum Ergo—Rosewig.

The choir is composed of the following: Mrs. F. L. Schorle, Mrs. H. C. Blanton, L. B. Adams, the Misses Bertha Welter, Eulah Frazier, Nellie Kolsick, Agnes Hunter, Laura Lee Hunter and E. F. Schorle.

WOMANS CLUB MEETING

The Woman's Club of Sikeston held their regular meeting on Tuesday, December 20, at the home of Mrs. J. R. Harper on Kingshighway, with a goodly number in attendance. Mrs. J. L. Brown was welcomed into the Club as a new member.

A splendid report of the organization of Sikeston Federated Charities, was given by Mrs. C. C. White.

After the regular business session an interesting program on Public Welfare, in charge of Mrs. G. A. Dempster, assisted by Mesdames C. C. White and L. L. Contazer, was given. Mrs. Contazer who has charge of the music for the Club, led in the singing of two Christmas carols, and Miss Helen Hess delighted the guests with a Christmas solo, "Calm and Still".

A nice sum was received from the Club members, this being self-denial dollars which will be used for the Sikeston Federated Charities.

After the program the guests enjoyed a social hour, at which time the hostess, assisted by Mrs. L. B. Adams, served delicious refreshments.

The next meeting of the Club will be held at the home of Mrs. W. E. Hollingsworth with Mrs. Arch S. Russell as leader. Mrs. Russell will use for her subject, "Legislation".

The Lutherans will have services Sunday morning with a short children's program at 10:30. The public is invited.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Anderson and son, Bobbie, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Applegate and children and Mrs. Emma Kendall will spend Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. Tillman Anderson of Commerce.

The following left Tuesday for Kennett, where they were joined by A. W. Robertson and enjoyed a squirrel and coon hunt: S. H. Clelland, Mr. Phillips, J. L. Brown, Harold Trowbridge, Bill Sikes, Ned Matthews and Don Ruthers.

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HIGHWAY COMMISSION AND AUTO CLUB AT OUTS ON BOND ISSUE

St. Louis, December 21.—The State Highway Commssion, which recommended a $60,000,000 road bond issue and the Automobile Club of Missouri which recommended at $120,000,000 bond issue, were unable yesterday to get together on any compromise basis and the whole controversy was laid over for two weeks when negotiations will be resumed at meetings of the directors of the club and of the commission to be held in St. Louis.

The chief point of contention rests upon the question of prohibiting, in the constitutional amendment to be submitted to the voters, any further increases in the gasoline tax and the automobile license fees. The Automobile Club of Missouri favors this restriction. The Highway Commission is unwilling to write this into its proposed amendment, although its members are of the opinion that further increases will not be necessary.

There are other points of difference, but this is the vital one.

Roy F. Britton, president of the Automobile Club, said its directors feel that automobile owners, who now pay annually more taxes for gasoline and automobile licenses than all other taxpayers of the state, should be given the assurance they will not have to bear any additional burden.

Britton, John Malang and the other directors and officers of the club contend the receipts from those two sources are ample to take care of a $120,000,000 bond issue without an increase and to leave over a sizeable surplus from year to year.

Negotiations between the commission and the club began yesterday morning, when the club's directors appointed Britton, Anthony A. Buford of Ellington and Lloyd Stark of Louisiana as a committee to confer with the commission.

A conference was held but did not get further than a general discussion. The chief subject discussed was the proposed limiting of automobile license fees and the gasoline tax to their present figure.

Britton and his associates reported back at 3:30 to the club's directors' meeting in his office at the Bell Telephone Building. The commission held its session at the Mayfair Hotel. Three commissioners were present, these being C. D. Matthews, chairman, and Commissioners McGrew and Brownlee.

The commission's tentative plan provides for the expenditure of $7,328,000 in relieving the congestion at the doorway to St. Louis, and $3,195,000 at Kansas City. This is to be accoomplished under the plan proposed through the widening of existing roads and the building of additional ones.

To relieve the St. Louis traffic congestion the commission in its plan proposes the following:

Bulding of a road from Baden to the proposed West Alton bridge at Fort Bellefontaine.

Widening No. 40 from St. Charles to St. Louis.

New road from the junction of No. 61 and No. 40, four tracks wide, to St. Louis, probably coming in over Olive Street road. This contemplates a new bridge across the Missouri.

Widening of Manchester road from Ballwin to St. Louis.

New road to follow the Big Bend road to Pacific and thence through Franklin County to the junction of No. 47 and No. 66.

Widening Gravois road to House Springs with a new road from House Springs to De Soto.

Completion of the St. Louis Belt Highway, along Denny road.

The most expensive of the St. Louis traffic congestion problems under the figures submitted by State Highway Engineer Cutler was for the construction of the Wentzville to St. Louis new four-track road. The estimated cost of that project was $3,329,000.

It will take $599,000 to complete the Denny road belt line project, the commission having previously made a refund of $911,000 for that work. These figures and the whole plan is subject to revision.

The commission proposes under its $60,000,000 plan to spend $14,792,000 in Kansas City and St. Louis traffic congestion projects and the building of roads to the state parks and in the connecting up of the blind ends of the present system.

This would leave about $43,000,000 for the completion of the state road system, and the payment of refunds to counties. These refunds amount to about $10,000,000.

The Kansas City traffic congestion projects include the widening of No. 71 from Kansas City to Belton, in Cass County; of No. 50 to Lee's Summit; No. 40 to Grain Valley; No. 24 to Independence; building a connection between Liberty and No. 71; new road to Lee's Summit, starting at a point east of Independence and extending to Liberty.

State Highway Engineer Cutler in explaining the plan to the directors of the Automobile Club, said it contemplates the completion of the state road sysem of 7640 miles by 1933; the building simultaneously of the roads to the state parks and other roads necessary to connect up the system, and the building of the projects for St. Louis and Kansas City to relieve their congestion.

Under the plan all surplus in gasoline and automobile license taxes above sinking fund interest, maintenance and administration requirements are to be diverted to the fourteen counties for the construction of farm-to-market roads. He said this surplus by 1937 should amount to $33,000,000 under the present rate of increase.

Cutler said the work of building farm-to-market roads could begin in the latter part of 1933 or 1934 and could go on from year to year as the money was allotted.

Each county an equal mileage of each county an equal mileage of farm-to-market roads, and to allot such an amount of money to each county as seems necessary to build them. Cutler said under the plan each county would get about thirty miles of such roads ultimately.

The Automobile Club, under its plan, proposed to allot $60,000,000 of the $120,000,000 to the completion of the State road system, the payment of county refunds and the building of the roads to the state parks, and the remaining $60,000,000 for building farm-to-market feeders to the state highway system. Britton estimated this would build about 4000 miles of such roads.

Cutler said it will require about $117,000,000 to complete the present system of roads, including the $10,000,000 of refunds to counties and the expenditures made in 1927. Part of this sum comes from federal aid, for which provisions have been made by Congress until 1931.

Its plan proposes the issuance of the first $15,000,000 of the $60,000,000 in 1930, a like amount being issued each year thereafter until the $60,000,000 had been issued.

After a final conference held with the commission at the Mayfair, Britton announced the Automobile Club still is of the opinion the restriction against the further increase of the automobile licenses and gasoline tax is vital to the success of any road bond proposal. He said to get the support of the automobile owners it is necessary to give them this assurance. The gasoline tax now is 2 cents a gallon.

Lou Lozier, counsel for the commission, will prepare its amendment and submit the final draft at the next meeting.

THREE MOTORBUS LINES GRANTED STATE LICENSES

Jefferson City, December 20.—Three motor bus licenses were issued today by the State Public Service Commission. One of these went to the Gregory Bus Lines, Inc., to operate as a motor carrier on Highway No. 61, from the Arkansas State line to Sikeston, Scott County, serving the intermediate towns of Steele, Caruhersville, Hayti, Portageville and New Madrid.

Another was issued to W. R. Shannon to operate between Springfield and Hollister over Highway No. 55.

The third was issued to Wm. H. Cook of Carl Junction, to operate between that place and Joplin.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Rev. E. B. Hensley will preach his farewell sermon at the Christian church Sunday morning. The evening service will be an illustrated lecture on the story by Van Dyke of the Other Wise Men.

You are cordially invited to attend.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Christmas program of the Presbyterian church for the children will be held at the church Friday evening at 7:00 o'clock.

There will be Sunday school at 9:45 o'clock Sunday, but no church service on Christmas Day.

Miss Maude Adams is spending the Christmas week-end with homefolks in Canalou.

Lyman Fox came in from Atlanta, Ga., Wednesday, to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Fox.

LOST—Between 30 Kathleen Avenue and the Shoe Factory, white gold watch chain and charm. A picture inside and name "Ted" engraved on outside. Finder please return to The Standard office and receive reward. 1tpd

Henry Hunter Skillman and Vernon Skillman of St. Louis, will arrive Saturday to spend the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Skillman.

Elmer Hake, land owner; Lee Friend, real estate agent; Bert Hall and T. W. Jankowski, all of Nashville, Ill., visited Dr. and Mrs. R. B. Edwards, Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Himmelberger of Morehouse are the proud parents of a little son born Thursday, December 22, at 12:30, in the Cape Girardeau hospital.

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Another thing, Santa Claus, that we are going to ask to be put in the Missus' stocking, is a dozen cups and saucers, every one to have a handle on it and free from chips and cracks. None of them need be mustache variety that used to be the favorite gift at Christmas time.

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The matter of deferring action in circuit court on the Malone Avenue extension until the March term of Court, doesn't mean so much as it looks. That is but a few months off and the preliminaries can be gotten ready in time for the contractor on Highway 61 south from Sikeston to put down before he starts on the long slab to New Madrid. The only thing that could have been done at this time would have to move back the houses and fences.

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Wylie Wilkerson will go to Memphis, Tenn., the latttr part of the week to visit his father for a day or two.

Mrs. Earl Pate and Miss Sara Malone will entertain with a bridge dinner at the Hotel Marshall Tuesday evening at 7:00 o'clock.

Mesdames John Fisher, Murray Klein, Loomis Mayfield, Ada Lennox and Miss Mayme Marshall were visitors to Cairo, Wednesday.

The ladies of the Catholic church realized about $82 at the bazaar held last Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. E. F. Schorle on Trotter St.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Young, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Huters and Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Sands of Cape Girardeau will be hosts to Sikeston friends at a dance at the Country Club at Cape Girardeau, Monday evening.

Sikeston High School News

By Hallie Carey

The basketball schedule for this season is as follows:

DECEMBER 22—Diehlstadt here.
JANUARY 6—Charleston there.
13—Caruthersville there.
20—Dexter there.
27—Charleston here.
FEBRUARY 3—Girls at Fulton. Boys at Cape.
10—Caruthefsville here
17—Dexter there.
22—Boys' Tournament.
MARCH 2—Bluff here.
9—Girls' Tournament.

Rev. E. B. Hensley, who is soon to depart from Sikeston, bade us a farewell during assembly period Wednesday and told us a very beautiful Christmas story.

Mrs. Calvin Greer is spending a few days at Excelsior Springs, Mo.

Miss Anita Winchester will entertain with a dinner bridge at her home on Tanner Street, Friday evening at 7:00 o'clock.

DEATH OF MRS. BERT SWINNEY, TUESDAY

Mrs. Ethel Swinney, wife of Bert Swinney, passed away at the home of her father, Mr. Hatfield, about three miles in the county, Tuesday, December 20, at the age of 32 years and 9 months.

Mrs. Swinney had been ill with tuberculosis for the past 18 months, which was the cause of her death.

Mrs. Swinney was married to Bert Swinney about six years ago.

Funeral services were held Wednesday. Interment in Memorial Park Cemetery.

The Standard joins their many friends in extending sympathy to the bereaved family.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Crooks of St. Louis will spend Christmas in Sikeston with their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Phelps, of Fulton, Mo., are here to spend the holidays with relatives.

Mrs. Martha Kelly and daughter, Miss Pavia Kelly, of Chicago, are the guests of Mrs. Dan Reed and daughter, Mrs. Ruth Malone, for the holidays.

L. L. HUNTER HOME AT MORLEY BURNED

On Tuesday evening, about 7:00 o'clock, the home of L. L. Hunter at Morley was discovered on fire and was completely destroyed, with all contents. The fire was caused from a defective flue and the second story was a mass of flames before it was discovered by the family who were in the living room down stairs.

Nothing of any value was saved as the family barely had time to escape. All out buildings, excepting the coal house, were burned. About $6500 insurance was all that was carried which does not near cover the loss.

RAYMOND MARSHALL HOME AT BLODGETT BURNS

Wednesday afternoon, while Mrs. Marshall was in Sikeston shopping, the Marshall home was totally destroyed by fire. Some of the furniture was saved and the out buildings.

The Standard has been unable to ascertain the amount of insurance carried on the property.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall had only recently moved to this property.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Huters will spend Christmas Day in Cape Girardeau.

Mr. and Mrs. John Simlar, who have been on the sick list for several weeks are improving.

John Sikes will leave for Springfield, Mo., Thursday to spend the holidays with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. O. W. McCutchen of Blytheville, Ark., were business visitors the first of the week.

Mrs. E. W. Davis, who has been quite ill at the home of Mrs. Chas. Frank, is slowly improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Murray Phillips of New Madrid will spend the Christmas holidays with relatives in Sikeston.

J. H. Galeener will arrive from Texas, Friday night or Saturday, to spend the holidays with his family.

Edward Fuchs arrived from Webster Grove to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Fuchs.

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Sadler, Elmer Sadler of Little Rock, Ark., Lorene Sadler of Enid, Okla., Louis Sadler of Malden will be guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wylie Wilkerson Christmas Day.

Misses Mabel Smith, Thelma and Velma Reed of Poplar Bluff will arrive Monday and be the guests of Miss Ilene Griggs, who is making her home with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jones.

David Blanton will arrive from Columbia Christmas morning and J. Ben Blanton of St. Louis, will arrive Saturday to spend the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Blanton.

Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Anthony and little daughter left Thursday for St. Louis, where they will visit for a few days before continuing their journey to Lafayette, Ind., where they will spend Christmas with the former's mother and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Graham will have Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lindley and son, Charles Graham, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Foley and son of Cape Girardeau, and Mrs. John Graham and family of Matthews Christmas Day and will enjoy a family dinner.

Insurance adjustors on Wednesday settled for the fire damage on the L. R. Bowman residence for $1792. The damage was not near so great as first believed. The Dr. A. L. Stepp damage was placed at $1079, while the damage at the Bob Israel house in Chamber of Commerce Addition was allowed $1039.

Notice of Stockholders' Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the annual stockholders' meeting of the Peoples Bank of Sikeston will be held at its banking house in the City of Sikeston, Missouri, on the 3rd day of January, 1928.

Said meeting will be convened at 9 o'clock a. m. and continued during at least three hours, unless the object for which such meting is called be accomplished sooner.

The purpose for which this meeting is called is to elect 7 directors for the said bank, to serve during the ensuing year, and for the transaction of any other business which may properly come before the meeting.

F. M. SIKES, President.

Attest:
R. F. Anderson, Secretary.

Notice of Shareholders Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the 15th annual shareholders' meeting of the Sikeston Building and Loan Association will be held in the Chamber of Commerce rooms in the City of Sikeston, Missouri, on the 31st day of December, 1927.

Said meeting will be convened at 7 o'clock p. m. and continued during at least three hours, unless the object for which such meeting is called be accomplished sooner.

The purpose for which this meeting is called is to elect seven directors for the said Association, to serve during the ensuing year, and for the transaction of any other business which may properly come before the meeting.

Attest:
W. P. WILKERSON, Secretary.
C. E. BRENTON, President.

"Take off them whiskers —you ain't Santa Claus!"

by Sensenbaugh Bros.

We foreget now just who the fellow was who trimmed the Indians out of Manhattan Island for a couple of quarts of rum and some shiny beads.

But we're willing to bet the biggest Goodyear balloon we have in stock that some of his descendants are in the tire business.

Just read the ads. Just listen to the old softtalk. You'd think these birds were going to be unhappy the rest of their lives if by some mischance they sold you a tire at a profit.

We hate to be a kill-joy, but that stuff is the bunk. You know, and we know, that in the tire business as in any other business, Christmas comes but once a year.

WHY NOT BE FRANK?

Maybe we're slow, but we make no pretense of being a 100 per cent philanthropist. We don't try to tell you we're selling tires below cost, and we don't think you expect to buy them that way.

What you want, if you're like other sensible people, is known and reputable merchandise at a fair price—the same fair price that everyone else pays. You buy clothes and shoes and other things on that basis—why not tires?

Well, right or wrong, that's the way we run this business. We sell Goodyear Tires, the best that money can buy. Our prices are based accurately on costs, and our costs are low. The values you get are dependable and good.

There's no guess about those values. They've been tested time and again. As a result, some of the smartest "low cost per mile" buyers in this section, including many business concerns, get tires from us. They've proved by experience and careful figuring that Goodyears are cheapest in the end.

THE BEST BUY FOR YOU

Of course, we could do it the other way. It's no difficult trick to fatten up retail prices on inferior tires in order to "discount" them down so the proposition would look good to you.

But we have no burning desire to make ourselves good fellows at your expense. And we're sure if we tried it, instead of a steadily growin business as we have now, we'd eventually lose both the friendshp and the trade of our customers.

No; we're satisfied the best deal for us is to contiune to sell Goodyear Tires on a legitimate, aboveboard basis, because that is the best deal for you. So we'll keep on doing this, and you do your part by telling the dealer who offers you something for nothing:

"Take off them whiskers—you ain't Santa Claus!"

A Special Value
31x5.25 Goodyear All-Weather Cords
$17.65

THE SEASONS GREETING

PHONE 667 DAY OR NIGHT
THE HOME OF FRIENDLY SERVICE
Sensenbaugh's
SUPER SERVICE STATION
SIKESTON, MO.

Merry Christmas And A Happy New Year

Wishing You *all the* Compliments of the Season

Elite Hat Shop

THE SEASON'S BEST TO ALL

H. LAMPERT

FOR RENT

200 to 600 Acres of Fine Delta Cotton Land

With good levee protection, to party who can finance himself. Tract is located in what is known as Laconia Circle, about fifty miles south of Helena, Arkansas.

Rental $5.00 Per Acre

WRITE

P. B. MARTIN
HENRICO, ARKANSAS

RADIO

Eye-Tuned Set to Control Speaker

Expert Describes Radio Development Rectifying Fading Effects.

A method whereby tuning of the radio is done visually rather than by ear, as at present, and which automatically controls the volume of the loud speaker, so that the maximum volume level can never exceed a certain definite value, was described by Harold A. Wheeler of Johns Hopkins university before the Institute of Radio Engineers at New York.

Not only is distortion eliminated, according to the inventor, but also—and, what is very important—distant signals, which fade rather badly, are controlled automatically, so that the maximum volume level can never exceed a definite value.

Fading signals have heretofore been a drawback to the use of sensitive multistage radio-frequency receivers because of the constantly charging levels of loud-speaker volume. The device described before the Institute of Radio Engineers entirely corrects these difficulties.

The name "audiostat" has been selected for this device by reason of its tendency to maintain the audible intensity at a constant value. However, actual control of intensity level is not accomplished within the audio amplifier system, but rather in one or more of the radio-frequency stages.

These results are obtained through the action of the receiver detector or rectifier, which in turn applies a negative biasing voltage in proportion to the strength of the received signals to one or more of the tubes within the radio-frequency stages.

In this way output volume is maintained at a definite standard. Of course, for the case of fading signals, such a device can only control that signal element which is above the required volume level. Where signals fade to a low value or entirely disappear it is apparent that neither the audiostat nor any other available device can correct the deficiency.

In consequence of the automatic control action it becomes difficult to accurately tune by ear a receiving set equipped with the new improvement. The amplification is decreased as the response to the signal is increased by tuning, and vice versa, so that the point of resonance is indicated by minimum plate currents in the neutralized stages of the radio-frequency amplifier. In other words, tuning is simply accomplished by eye instead of ear through a visual indication of a millimeter connected in the plate circuit of the first tube. This arrangement is employed as a resonance indicator and also to give an indication of relative signal intensities.

More Than One Set on Antenna Not So Good

Hooking up more than one set to the same antenna seriously affects reception. This is a fact apparently not generally know, points out a manufacturer's home organ.

"One at a time is the safe rule," warns the bulletin in this matter, relating the incident of a dealer who called up a distributor complaining of the operation of a receiver. Investigation by a service man resulted in finding out that the dealer had some six or eight sets working on the same antenna.

"While only one set was turned on the others were hooked up on the same antenna," continued the bulletin, "which seriously affected reception. This may be a fact not generally known, but more than one set should not be hooked up to the same antenna at the same time. Such a condition may seriously impair the results of a demonstration."

It would be well for fans to keep this information in mind, also, and the bulletin points out that "a series of switches will permit the demonstration of a number of sets on the part of the dealer using the same antenna, but all the sets except the one on demonstration should be disconnected always from the antenna even though they are not turned on."

RADIO TIPS

When troubled with static noises try an indoor antenna. Use a short piece of wire, running it around the room under the rug or carpet or up around the picture molding.

Carbon resistors are most frequently to blame when a hissing noise comes from the loud speaker. The trouble may be traced to a grid leak or to a plate coupling resister. Sometimes the cause is a corroded contact and most frequently occurs at the positive terminal of the storage battery.

It is necessary to have good tubes to obtain good tone quality in a set. The proper tubes must be employed for the radio frequency, detector and audio functions. Most important of all, a power tube must be employed in the last stage, so as to handle the full volume without apparent forcing. The proper plate voltages and the grid biases, where needed, must be applied on the tubes.

THROUGH A WOMAN'S EYES

By JEAN NEWTON

If You Must Have a Thrill

Is life monotonous for you, and people without interest? Do you complain that things are dull and drab, that you find nothing with a thrill, that humanity has grown quite colorless? Then listen to this item in a day's news:

"Six unnamed London doctors have voluntarily allowed themselves to be inoculated with living cancer germs in certain preliminary tests of the Gye-Barnard theory of the cure for that disease.

"The conclusion involved is that cancer is caused by a certain nonfilterable virus. In that preparation there is a chemical agent which Doctor Gye considers the 'specific factor.' In other words, if this agent can be eliminated the virus is harmless; with it present the virus is likely to cause cancer.

"The experiments to which the six doctors subjected themselves were with a serum from which the 'specific factor' had been eliminated. They were in no real danger if Doctor Gye's theory of the potency of the missing substance was correct. If that theory was wrong, or if Doctor Gye had made a slight miscalculation the subjects might pay for that error in suffering and death. None knew this better than did the physicians who took the risk, but they did not hesitate.

"It is now believed from observation of the subjects of the experiment that Doctor Gye was right in assuming that the preparation deprived of the specific factor would not produce the disease. This leaves the other half of the theory to be proved. To do this it will be necessary to inoculate human beings with virus from which the 'specific factor' has not been removed—in other words, certainty of the dreaded disease. And for this supreme test volunteers have once more offered themselves."

People heroically risking their lives in an emergency, great deeds done under unusual stress when emotions stirred humans beyond themselves—that is the stuff that has supplied the movies with many thrills. Yet how it all pales in the light of the calm and deliberate martyrdom of men who will quietly open their veins to the seeds of a disease which means horrible suffering and death. There's a thrill for you in your safe, guarded "too monotonous" life! There's a splash of color on your "drab" world and "dull" humanity!

Every day, life is being lived to the utmost, raised to the heights, drunk to the dregs.

If you want a cure for your complaint of monotony, read up on the voluntary martyrs of science, the victors over yellow fever, the fathers of the X-ray, the modern crusaders against cancer. If you feel you must have a "change" go to see the slum mother, of whom the papers tell who battled alone to keep her brood of eight from starvation, and who found herself tottering with fever, nursing five of her children who were stricken with pneumonia.

If you want to get a thrill out of your particular lot, a visit to any slum home or any hospital ward will do it. And if you simply must have variety and some added "interest" in your daily life, you might try alleviating some of the misery and the suffering and the real drabness that you can find by taking just a peek into how the other half lives.

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A statistician who has been keeping track of things in that field claims Trotzky has now been exiled three more times than he has died.—Detroit News.

American Legion

All arrangments have been completed for the biggest and best dance of the year. The Christmas dance put on by Henry Meldrum Post No. 114 on December 22nd, tonight, at the Armory, will be a record breaker according to all signs.

A few decorations have been put up and one item deserves special mention. That is the mistletoe. It will be found over each door, and along the ceiling and walls. We hesitate to comment further.

Following the meeting of the Post last night, practically each member who attended, went to the Army and worked in putting up the decorations. Roland Fenton's Paradise Garden Orshestra will be here to put out their usual brand of music. Those who attend are guaranteed a good time and to miss this dance is to have regrets Friday.

The contract for the World War movie and the two reels of the Paris Convention arrived today and will be closed at once. These pictures will be shown here on January 18th, Wednesday. Watch for further announcements about these films which will be well worth seeing.

A membership campaign with three awards was decided upon at last night's meeting, and those present vowed that no eligible member could escape from the Legionaires in their push for members. Credit of 100 points will be given for members who did not belong to this Post in 192 and 25 points for those who did belong in 1927.

The Post voted to assist the Cape Girardeau Post in their work in preparing for the Department of Missouri convention in 1928 which will take place in our neighboring city.

The next Post dance, following tonight's dance, will be in one week. Same place, same orchestra, same price, December 29th.

The five types of clouds are cirrus, stratus, cumulus, nimbus and Balkan war.—Arkansas Gazette.

"Edison hunting for rubber in weeds".—Literary Digest. So he, too, has taken up golf.Virginia-Pilot.

Our corn-surplus problem has been solved. Face powder can be made from corn.—Council Bluffs Nonpareil.

"Joss-stick" makes in Shanghai have struck against a new war tax, and the whole city is incensed.—Manila Bulletin.

Television's greatest contribution to humanity is that it will cause the complee cure of a great many sick friends.—Detroit News.

Anyhow, the Republican party cannot say, "I do not choose". It has to.—Boston Transcript.

"Standard Oil Men Listen to Rockefeller". They'd better.—New York Evening Post.

There Are Many Ways to Say It

But There Is Music in the Words

Merry Christmas

THAT FILLS OUR HEARTS WITH JOY

May the cheery grace of this Christmas day bring the smile of satisfaction to your face and may your activities during the new year be a service to the world and a source of rich revenue to your income.

Accept our thanks for your 1927 business. We want you to continue with us in 1927.

We Will Be Closed All Day Sunday, December 25th Until 5:30 p. m.

Japanese Tea Room

HAPPY THOUGHTS

1927 and 1928

and Cheerful Hours for Christmas

Healthful Days

With an abundance of Wealth and Useful occupation for the New Year

J. SHERWOOD SMITH

County Clerk of Scott County

Table Lamps

THE GIFT SHOP
Derris—The Druggist

MAY THE CHRISTMAS BELLS SOUND

Happiness to You and Your Household

O'er every home throughout this peaceful and prosperous nation the benign spirit of Christmas settles like a benediction. Gladness prevails, generous acts and kindness is seen on every hand. How we all welcome the Yuletide days.

In the true spirit of the season we send our greetings to friends and patrons and wish you a New Year that will be better than you have ever before experienced. We thank each of you for business of the past and hope we are privileged to serve you during 1928.

Superior Chevrolet Company
Chevrolet Dealers

MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION

Designating Monday, December 26 as Public Holiday

Inasmuch as Christmas falls on Sunday this year, it has been considered advisable by the Sikeston City Council to declare the following day, Monday, December 26, as a Public Holiday.

By authority of the Council, therefore, I, the undersigned Mayor of the City of Sikeston, hereby declare that Monday, December 26, be generally observed as a Public Holiday in this city and that all business houses remain closed during the day, ann as far as possible all our citizens refrain from their usual business and professional activities.

N. E. FUCHS
Mayor City of Sikeston

How to Play BRIDGE

Series 1927-28 by Wynne Ferguson

Author of "PRACTICAL AUCTION BRIDGE"

ARTICLE NO. 16

A correspondent has just submitted a most interesting hand for analysis, and the principles involved are so instructive that they are worthy of close study.

Example Hand

Y

A B

Z

Hearts—K, J, 8, 6
Clubs—6, 5
Diamonds—A, K, J, 5
Spades—K, J, 4

No score, first game. What should Z as dealer bid with the foregoing hand? Should he bid one no-trump or one diamond? This hand is a very close one but, in the opinion of the writer, the one diamond bid is much sounder than one no-trump. The reasons for this should be obvious. If A has a big club suit and Z bids one no-trump, A will pass and open clubs. On the other hand, if Z bids one diamond. A, with a big club suit, will bid two clubs and thus show the danger to the no-trump. If A should pass one diamond, it is up to Y to better the one diamond bid if his hand justifies it. For example, if Z bids one diamond, A passes and Y has the following hand:

Hearts—9, 4, 2
Clubs—A, Q, 10, 9
Diamonds—9, 6, 4
Spades—Q, 10, 9

he should bid one no-trump. Z's bid of one diamond should indicate that he has a good diamond suit and that Y-Z, as a partnership, hold stoppers in three suits. For that reason a bid of one no-trump by Y with the foregoing hand is a sound bid.

The bid of one club or one diamond by dealer doesn't invite a take-out by partner unless his hand justifies it. Such a bid by dealer is informatory only, and his partner must use his judgment as to the take-out. Such a take-out always is optional and never obligatory otherwise a bid under such conditions never could give correct information to partner; and information is the goal of all sound bidding. It is only when partners are getting the best bid of twenty-six cards, raher than of thirteen, that they are obtaining the best results.

Here is another type of hand that illustrates the value of bidding one diamond wih Z's hand rather than one no-trump. Suppose Z bids one diamond, A bids two clubs and Y holds the following hand:

Hearts—Q, 10, 9, 4
Clubs—9, 4, 3, 2

Hearts—K, 8, 7, 3, 2
Clubs—Q, J, 10, 9
Diamonds—J, 4
Spades—9, 8

No score, rubber game. Z deal, bid one no-trump and all passed. A opened the trey of hearts, Y played the five, B the nine and Z won the trick with the queen. Z now led the trey of clubs, A played the nine, Y the deuce and B the four. A now led the queen of clubs which Z won with the ace in his own hand. How should he play the hand to go game against any defense?

Z's plan of play in his hand is to force A to discard and this result can be accomplished only by leading diamonds. At trick four, therefore, Z should lead the deuce of diamonds and cover whatever diamond A plays. A's best play is the four diamonds. Y plays the seven and allows B to win the trick with the ten. B's best play is the ten of hearts which Z must win with the ace. Z should now lead the five of diamonds and play the ace in Y's hand. Y should now lead the trey of diamonds, forcing B to win with the queen. A's best discard is the low heart. B's best play now is a spade, which Z should win with the king in his own hand. Next, Z should lead the nine of diamonds. A can discard the nine of spades and Y the jack of hearts. B must win the trick with the king of diamonds and must lead back a spade, which Y should win with the queen. A should discard the eight of hearts.

Y should now lead his last spade, Z winning the trick in his own hand with the ace. A is now forced to discard either a club or the king of hearts. If the former, Y's clubs are good; if the latter, Z's four of hearts and Y's king of clubs are good. In either case, therefore, Y-Z win all tricks. It is a pretty little problem in forcing discards, so should be carefully noted.

Hearts—10, 9
Clubs—7, 4
Diamonds—K, Q, 10, 6
Spades—J, 5, 4, 3, 2

Hearts—A, Q, 4
Clubs—A, 6, 3
Diamonds—9, 8, 5, 2
Spades—A, K, 7

Answer to Problem No. 16

Hearts—J, 6, 5
Clubs—K, 8, 5, 2
Diamonds—A, 7, 3
Spades—Q, 10, 6

Y

A B

Z

Problem No. 17

Hearts—10, 8, 6, 2
Clubs—Q, 10, 9, 4
Diamonds—8, 7, 2
Spades—J, 8

Y

A B

Z

Problem No. 18

Hearts—10
Clubs—J, 10, 2
Diamonds—K, J, 4, 3
Spades—Q, 10, 9, 8, 4

Y

A B

Z

No score, rubber game. If Z dealt, bid one club and A passed, what should Y do with the foregoing hands?

The following couples will enjoy a progressive dinner at their homes before going on to the American Legion dance Thursday evening: The first course will be served at the Smith home with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Smith as hosts. then the guests will be entertained at the following homts: Dr. and Mrs. T. C. McClure, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Matthews, Mr. nad Mrs. Dave Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Matthews and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Sikes.

Sikeston Standard, $1.50 per year

SPECIAL MUSIC AT M. E. CHURCH CHRISTMAS DAY

The Christmas music at the Methodist Church Sunday, will be unusually good. Two numbers will be rendered at each service. Baritone solo, "In Old Judea" by Buck-Geibel, with violin obligato sung by Harry Dover and the anthem "Come and Worship", with violin obligato, by Dussler, will be heard at the morning service. The organ numbers at this service will be Adiste Fedelis by Geo. E. Whiting, Christmas offering, "Midnight in the Judean Plains", by Hosmer and Chorus of Shepherds by Lenemens.

The two anthems given at the evening service will be "Shepherds in the Fields Abiding", by Barnes and The Holy Night by Mueller. Organ numbers are: A Christmas Fantasy, by Noris and A Shepherd's Idyl, by Geibel. Personnel of choir: Sopranos: Miss Lillian Shields, Mrs. Frank Van Horne; contralitos: Misses Sara Malone, Helen Hess, Lottie Dover; tenors: Wilbur Ensor, David Allard bassos: Harry Dover, I. A. Lewis. Violin: Miss Helen Welsh.

Old Santa Claus

Dear Old Santa:

I would love to have a doll, a doll bed and a set of dishes.

HARRIETTA LEWIS.

Vanduser, Mo.

Dear Santa:

I am a little girl of 6. I am in the first grade and I think I'm a good little girl, at least daddy says I am, so if I am, I know you won't forget me. I want a big sleepy doll, that walks and talks, a nice little bed for it, a little kitchen set and dishes and a pair of skates. I hope I'm not asking for too much, Santa.

EFFIE GRANT.

P. S.: Santa, another little girl is sending a letter, too.

Morehouse, Mo.

Dear Santa:

I'm a good little girl, 7 years old, and go to school every day. Santa, if you come through Morehouse, this year, please stop at my house. I want a doll, a doll buggy, a pair of skates, kitchen cabinet and lots of candy, fruit and nuts.

MARY FREEZE.

FOR SALE—Rex Globe coal stove. Call at Becker's Store.

LOST—White gold ear bob, Sunday evening. Finder kindly leave same at The Standard office.

LOST—About two weeks ago, a note book containing the names of Hal Galeener and Dr. J. H. Yount. Return to Clyde Myers. 1tpd.

Candle Holders and Candles

THE GIFT SHOP
Derris—The Druggist

LAIR STORE NEWS
That Interesting Store
CHARLESTON

We'll be on the job this week until midnight Saturday night. Last minute purchases and special deliveries will have our best attention.

Every looker has admired the new Coxwell Chairs at $37.50. They are substantial as well as pretty and every member of the family can enjoy the comfort they afford.

Some real late numbers in pull up chairs and occasional rockers arrived at the eleventh hour. They have a snap and style to them that is not found in any but northern made goods.

There may be a family within our territory that needs a Great Majestic Range fitted with a water front at a low price. We have a good used one of that kind at less than half the cost of a new one. It is in excellent condition and will give good service.

Our close out prices on Moore's and other high grade heaters will continue throughout the week. This sharp weather should encourage those who who need a new heater of this character to buy now while the saving may be made.

Plain Cedar Chests, Cedar lined chests with Walnut overlay, Console Mirrors, Bridge and Junior Lamps, Magazine Racks, Whatnot Shelves, etc., and so on; there's no end to useful items here that are suitable for gifts.

The old, old urge of the Christmas Spirit is with us again. Down through the centuries it has come, radiant with glory from the past and losing none of its power to mellow hearts and minds as the years roll on. At the close of another year we feel particularly grateful for the good will and generous patronage of those whom we have tried to serve. Friends in business are as necessary to its proper conduct as are personal friends to happy social conditions. In this spirit our very best wishes are extended to friends of Southeast Missouri. May health and happiness be yours and may it be possible for you to accomplish all the fine, helpful things of which you may have dreamed and planned.

"Christmas! To some it means courage to start again;
Help for the helpless and strength for the strong!
Giving the hopeless a chance to take heart again—
God's loving gift to humanity's throng!"

GREETINGS

THAT
YOU AND YOURS
MAY HAVE A
DELIGHTFUL CHRISTMAS
AND A

Happy New Year

IS
THE SINCERE AND
HEARTY WISH
OF

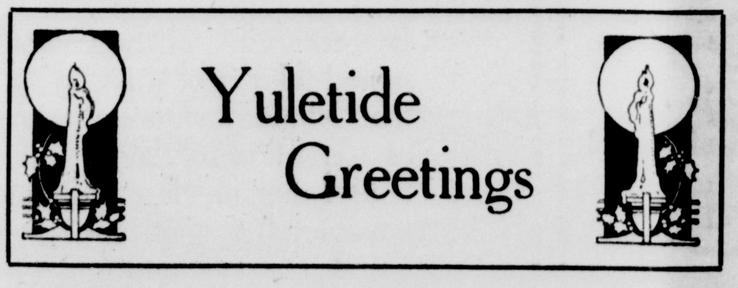
The Sikeston Mercantile Co.

TO OUR LOYAL
PATRONS AND
FRIENDS

May the sound of Christmas bells bring glad tidings to you and may the holly wreath prove a symbol of happiness for you. We wish you the happiest sort of a Christmas and a New Year full of health, happiness and prosperity.

We are sincerely thankful for the business entrusted to us the past year and ask for a continuation of the same during 1928.

L. T. DAVEY
Plumbing and Heating Contractor



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